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Doing her part to make the Fall Festival a success, Lisa Geier carefully places the chicken and potatoes on the table. The Festival raised an astounding total of $93,695.

By: The Editors

Surprise: The Webster's Dictionary defines Surprise as "to strike with wonder or amazement because of the unexpected." But our student body didn't need to look in Webster's Dictionary to understand the meaning — they lived it! Whether an underclassmen or senior, each student was affected in some way by the many surprising events — large or small — which took place in our school. This charcteristic gave our school that extra sparkle which seemed to radiate from us into everything we touched and accomplished successfully.

Maybe the size of our school amazed people with how much pride and spirit we had. Maybe our new league opponents were shocked at the power of our cheering section. Maybe with the decreasing enrollment and increasing responsibilities, people wondered how we ever made our activities so *Continued on page 5.*

Getting everyone rowdie for the game against St. Henry, the football cheerleaders lead everyone in the cheering. The football team ended the year with an outstanding 7-3 record.

"***I knew it,*** I just knew they were going to call me down. And then, the water gun didn't work so I sat there with shaving cream on my nose while Buddy Bertling switched guns," said Freshman Julie Harpster.

GOODLUCK
GUYS-GIRLS
1983
HOME
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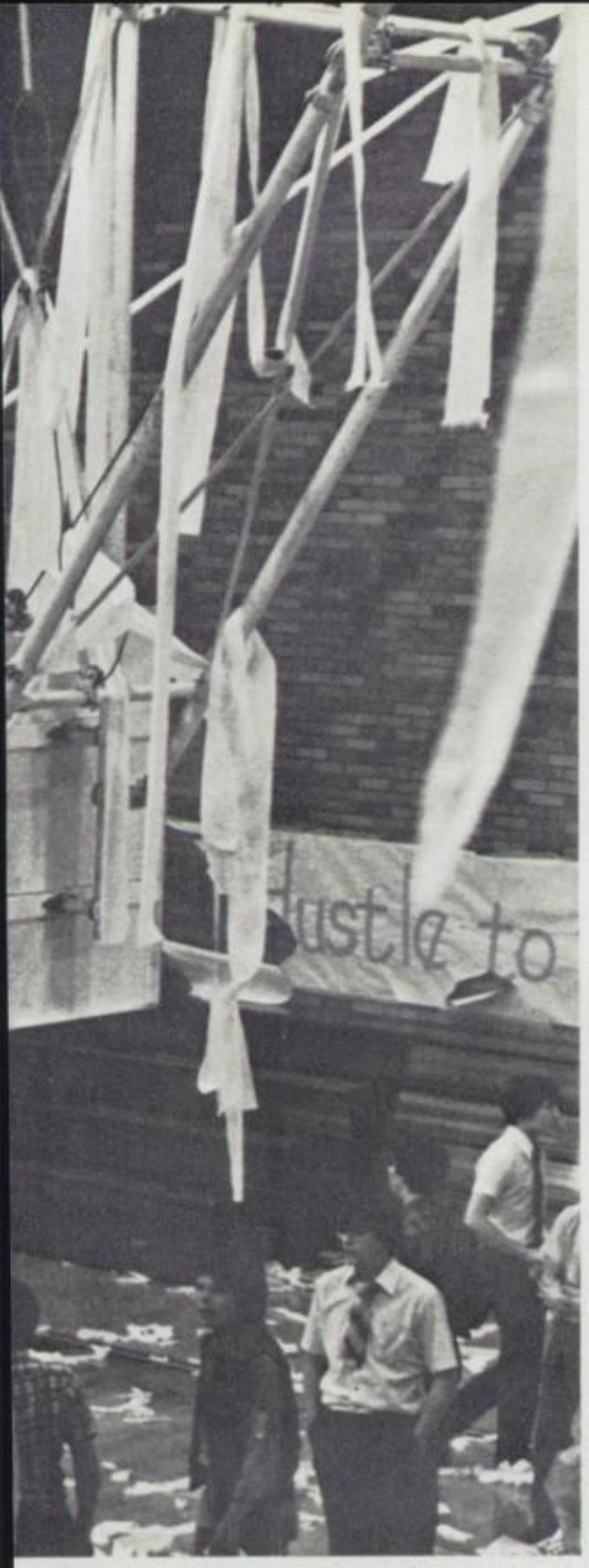


Wishing the girl's and guy's basketball teams "good ck" in their own way, these students toilet paper any- ning and everything in their sight.

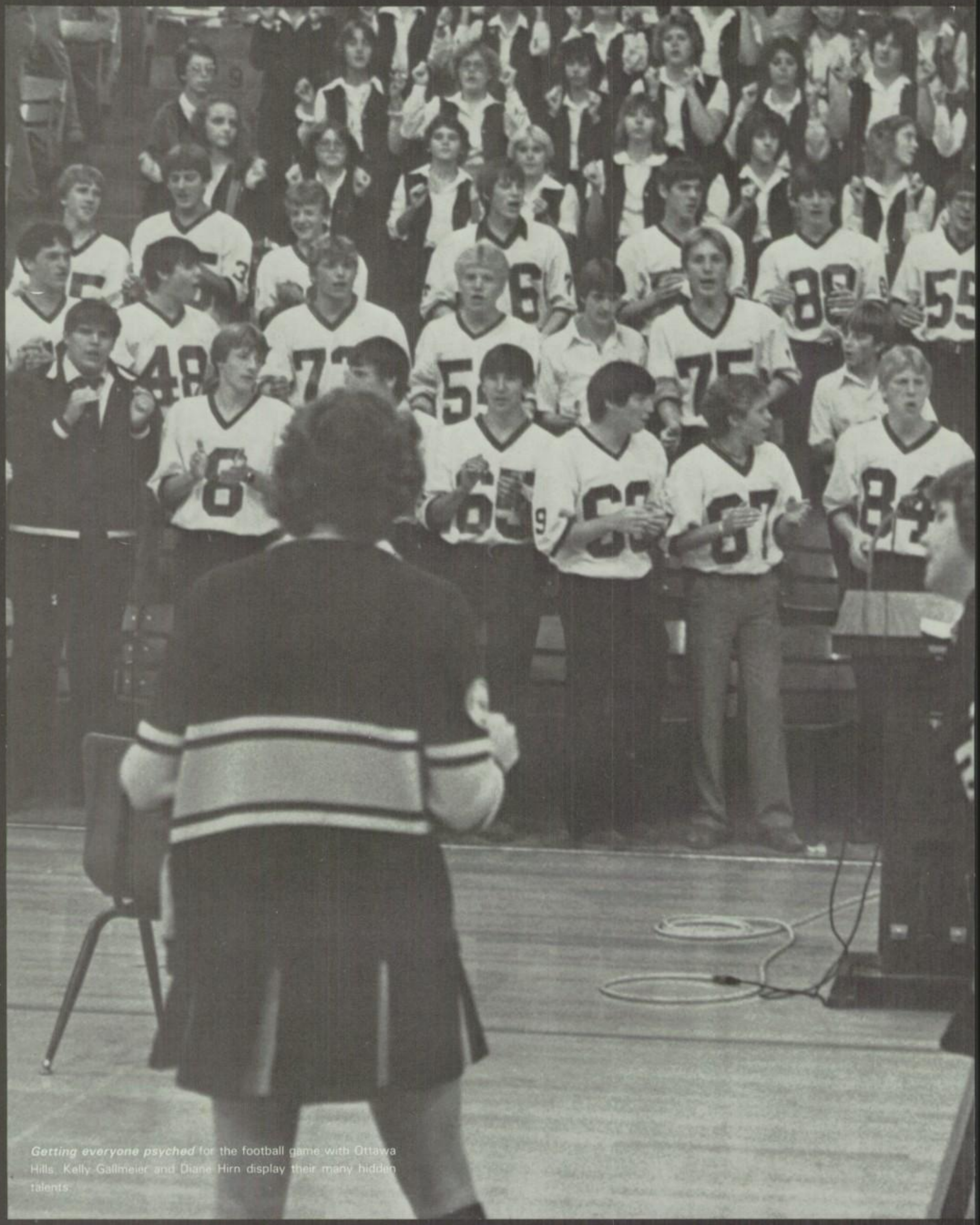
Surprised at hearing her name for the part of "Evillene" the class play, Lisa Meyer hides behind her purse while iends try to give their congratulations and tell her what a reat witch she will make.

BUT NO SURPRISE TO US

successful. Maybe with such a small student body, they were astonished at our academic achievements. But with all these "maybes," we knew one thing for sure — we could and we did pleasantly surprise many people who didn't know there were any surprises left in us. We proved that a single "A" school could outshine even the best.

There was so much more to us than just students attending classes from 8:00 to 3:00 — more than just small town kids leading an average life. We were full of many surprises. We reached deep inside and held fiercely to our strength and uniqueness. We gave when others thought there could be nothing more to give. We realized our potential and created "one surprise after another." But it was no surprise to us!!

Donating blood for the first time, Beth Kaskel takes a drink of that much needed orange juice. For the second year in a row, SJH received the Red Cross trophy for having the highest percentage of students donate blood.



Getting everyone psyched for the football game with Ottawa Hills, Kelly Gallmeier and Diane Hirn display their many hidden talents.

MORNING, NOON AND NIGHT

A student's life consisted not just of seven long hours spent in classes each day, but also of the events and activities spent after school hours. These activities ranged anywhere from dances, fall Festival, working, Prom and Homecoming, to decorating a friend's locker for their birthday. Life here always held that hint of surprise.

The "Senior Sez" sign in the main hall brought some mysterious senior out early in the morning or late each night to show that they care about their school. The sophomores also showed that they cared by buying buttons which said Nobody does it better.

No matter what one thought a student's life involved, the events somehow always took a student by surprise. And that, in some small way, added that extra "sparkle" which gave new life and new meaning to the lives of the students here at school.

-By: The Editors

No, she is not a member of the Go-Go's, rather Jenn Heitmeyer displays that punk is not dead at the Halloween dance.

Doing their part to make the Fall Festival a success, these Senior guys lend a helping hand in the peeling of the apples.

First thing in the morning Jerry Wrasman makes sure he gets a lunch ticket from Mrs. Warnecke.

Freshman Tony Wiechart gets a rude awakening from Doug Williams, as Todd Hines and Kelly Martz watch.

Morning Already?

Sophomores Todd Gable, Keith Eggeman, Alan Hessling, Steve Hellman and Doug Beckey hurry to get their work finished before their next class.

By: Katrina Weber

You're lying in bed, dead to the world, when all of a sudden that darn alarm clock goes off right on schedule. You think to yourself how nice it would be if you could just stay in bed for a few more hours. Why not tell Mom you don't feel well and go back to sleep. But no . . . as the good student you are, you reluctantly get up, take a shower, get dressed, and eat breakfast.

It seemed that every day it was the same old thing. People were still half asleep as they stumbled through the door to homeroom. Then the bell would ring and it was off to start the daily grind.

First period was always a challenge, whether it be Study Hall or Chemistry. Many came short of this challenge and surrendered to the sand man, only to find a very rude awakening at the end of their snooze.

Freshman Amy Stemen has a serious talk with Ms. Fisher before homeroom.

Junior Gina Johnson takes care of unfinished business in the bookstore with Ms. Noonan.

WHAT YOUR FAVORITE COLOR SAYS ABOUT YOU

By: Katrina Weber

Everyone is born with an inclination toward certain colors. Very young children, before being influenced by parents and peers, will invariably pick out colors that suit them. By the time we grow up, we may have lost a portion of that personal color sense, and buy or like certain colors for reasons that don't have anything to do with how we look in wearing them.

The changes in your color preference throughout the years can show changes in your personality. Scientific studies have shown that color psychology is a simple and effective method of unlocking secrets contained in one's own personality.

Color psychologists are telling people that their first color choice, the color that the person likes best, describes their personality traits. Good Housekeeping revealed the following information concerning a person's favorite colors:

IF YOUR FAVORITE COLOR IS RED: You are an agressive person with strong desires and a craving for action. You can be unreasonably stubborn, however, and, at times, may be easily swayed in your feelings and attitudes.

IF YOUR FAVORITE COLOR IS BLUE: You have a basic need for a calm tension-free life. You are somewhat cautious in the way you act, speak and dress. You make a loyal friend, but you tend to be impatient with the ideas of others, especially if they differ from your own.

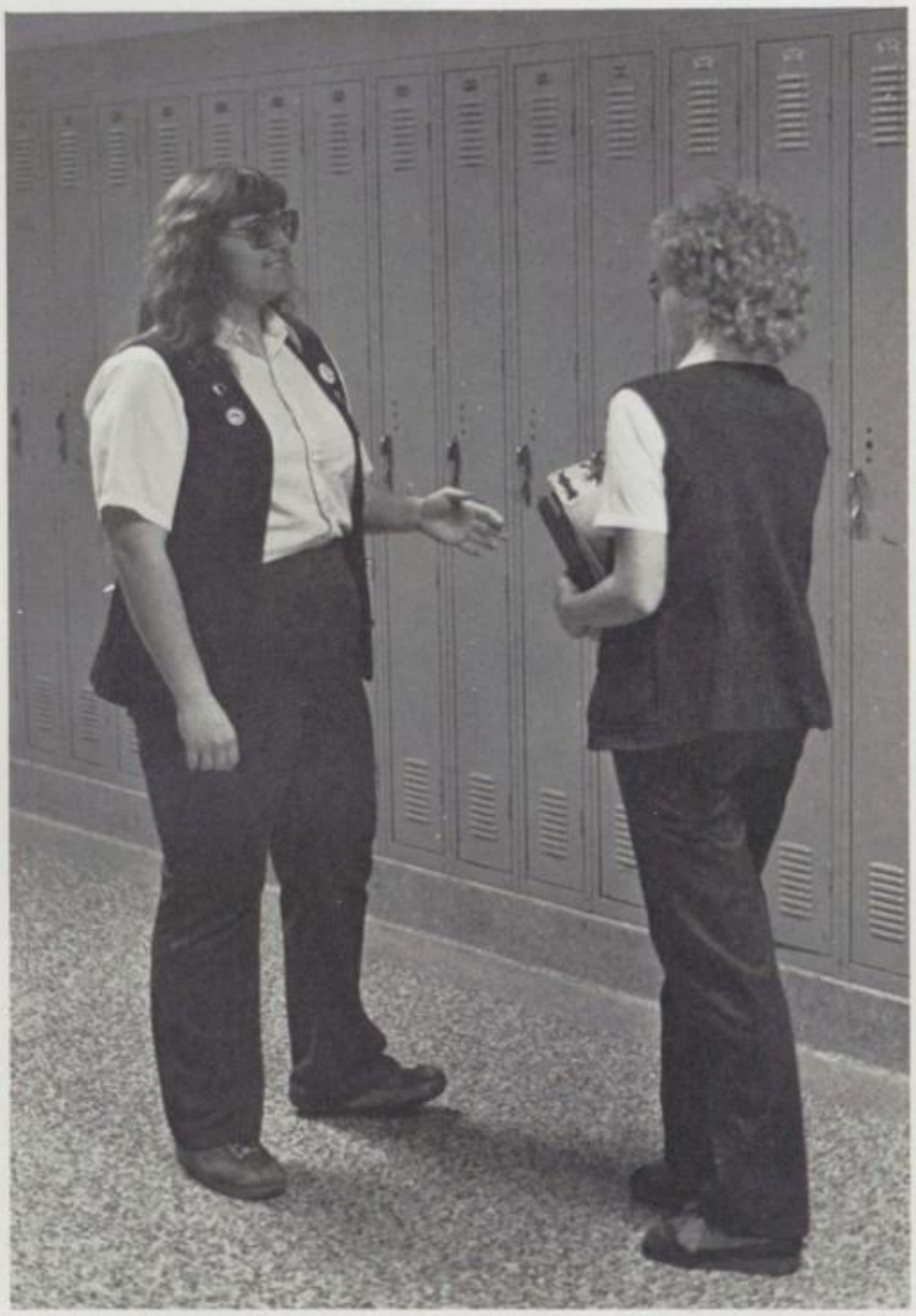
IF YOUR FAVORITE COLOR IS GREEN: This indicates stability, balance, and persistence. When you start something, you finish it. Your reputation is very important to you, but you delight in hearing the scandals of others.

IF YOUR FAVORITE COLOR IS PURPLE: You have a tendancy to believe that you are set apart from other people. You are highly sensitive and tolerant, although you can be quite sarcastic. It is likely you are talented artistically, but you often prefer a world of fantasy to reality.

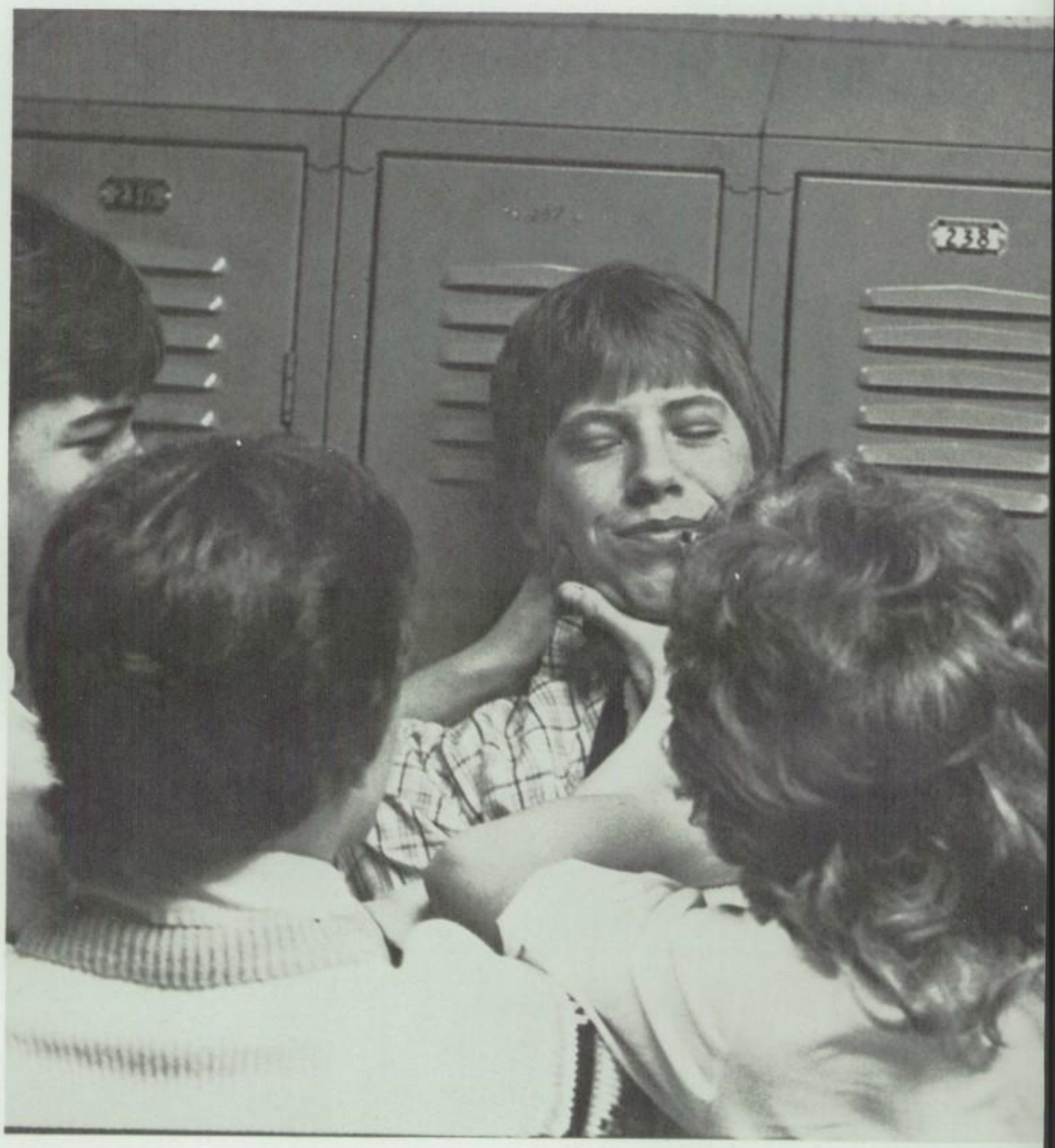
Seniors Deb Wiechart, Joy Suever and Patty Lause, who states her favorite color is blue because, "I think it's pretty," wait in line to be served.

Freshman Rita Best and Karen Hemker relax in the lounge and discuss that Rita's favorite color is blue because, "It stands out and it's really bright."

Sophomores Jim Hoffman and Mike Jim discuss the opening of the new Star Wars movie while Mike states that his favorite color is orange because, "It's the color of the sun and laser blasts."



Freshman Juanita Best tells Judy Friedrich that her favorite color is blue because, "The guy I like's favorite color is blue also."



Pinned against a locker Steve Fortener reluctantly receives his make up for slave day from Tim Fischer, Jim Giesken and Julie Harpster.

OFF ON THE WRONG FOOT

By: Amy Mueller

Slowly he awoke to the sound of the rain beating down outside. Sleepily, he glanced at his alarm clock which read 9:15 A.M. He dove out of bed and threw that worthless piece of junk across the room. It was supposed to go off over an hour ago!

After having thrown on his clothes, he ran out the door. He tried to start his car as the rain poured down harder.
No luck! It wouldn't even turn over.

He arrived at school at 9:45 A.M., completely drenched from his walk in the rain. He hurried to his locker and opened it. To his disbelief he found someone had stacked it!

After having barely survived the hectic morning he went downstairs to eat in the cafeteria. Innocently he ate his lunch as the guy next to him attempted to put ketchup on his food. The cap of the bottle had been loosened. Everyone then began laughing as ketchup went everywhere. The guy next to him accused him of being the instigator and whipped a spoonful of tartar sauce at him. A square of butter was his answer, just as the principal walked in. He and his lunchmates were taken to the office where they received a rest-of-the-year detention.

"What a way to start a week!" he remarked as the bell rang for his next class. "One more class to study hall," was his thought walking into the classroom, to find, they were taking a test. A test he hadn't studied for. From there it was off to study hall, finally. He had his mind made up he was going to relax. He bought himself a pop. The type with the contest on the tab. As he opened it, he discovered it being a winner. Just then it fell off. Everything seemed to go wrong, but this was typical of a Monday.

Trying to stay out of trouble Tom Cross spends seventh period in the office.

Experiencing one of life's worst fates, Buddy Bertling and Dan Goergens rack their brains taking a Chemistry test.

The weekend being a little too much for them Tim Geise, Jerry Jackson, Tab Fischbach and Ray Bonifas show what it is like to come to school on a Monday morning. Many were not brave enough to show their face. Seniors averaged 7 people out every Monday, Juniors 7, Sophomores 5 and Freshmen 4. As a school we averaged 23 people out every Monday.

Many freezing fans brave the cold weather as they hope for a victory to tie the league with Coldwater.

At one of the many pep assemblies, Amy Schwinnen shows her spirit by beating on a car, as Kevin Knebel watches.

Paying close attention or just messing around John Bockey, Jim Mager, Tim Reindel and Scot Deffenbaugh show the different types of fans.

STILL NUMBER ONE!!

By: Amy Mueller

Everyone knows us for, among other things, our sports. Numerous changes took place last year. A change in leagues, schedules, and in rivalries. One thing that did not change was the spirit of our fans. They sat through all types of weather for all kinds of sports.

The football team brought us cone chilling nights, along with all their victories. The volleyball team and cross country team were a change of pace and not quite as cold. As winter set in so did indoor sports like basketball, wrestling and gymnastics. Spring brought back warm weather for the baseball and track seasons.

No matter what the weather or the sport, there were always fans to support the teams. The roundball and grid iron season meant pep assemblies to get the students' spirit up for the big games. Coldwater and St. Henry emerged new rivals as they became victims of spirit weeks. Thursday, February 3 anyone entering school, unaware of what was going on, may have thought they were in the wrong school. All students dressed in red and white attempting to jinx St. Henry. The chant "Baginawa" (Indian for hammer) filled lockers, signs and the gym as the team hammered the Redskins 67-64.

There were many types of fans. There was the kind that sat quietly through a game, and those who ***had*** to show their spirit. There was the type who came until the game got boring. Also there were those who followed the teams through good and bad. Of all the types the best fan to be was a BLUE JAY FAN. As quoted many times "We have the number one fans in the state of Ohio." Where ever we go, we always have the home court advantage with our fans. It's because of these fans that we're Number One!

The Sophomore girls show their spirit at one of the many rowdie pep assemblies.

A big V for victory is displayed by seniors Jim Grothouse, Matt Burnett, and Joe Niedecken.

Anxious to be the first to eat the cracker Dean Schwinnen is cheered on by cheerleader Deanne Kaverman.

Looking straight down the aim of the gun, you can see what the shooter Buddy Bertling does.

Announcing the fourth football pep assembly, Kelly Gallmeier calls people from the audience.

Having fun while participating in a pep aasembly, Scott Schnipke tries to make Steve Etzkorn look more beautiful.

Explaining what it is like to play good defense and still get beat, Lanna Smith puts on a good show while Elise Mueller, Mary Ann Wittler, Alison Rose and Sue Youngpeter look on.

Noon Hours Changed To Pandemonium

Spectators wait to see how big a dent Nadine Honigford can leave in the demolition car.

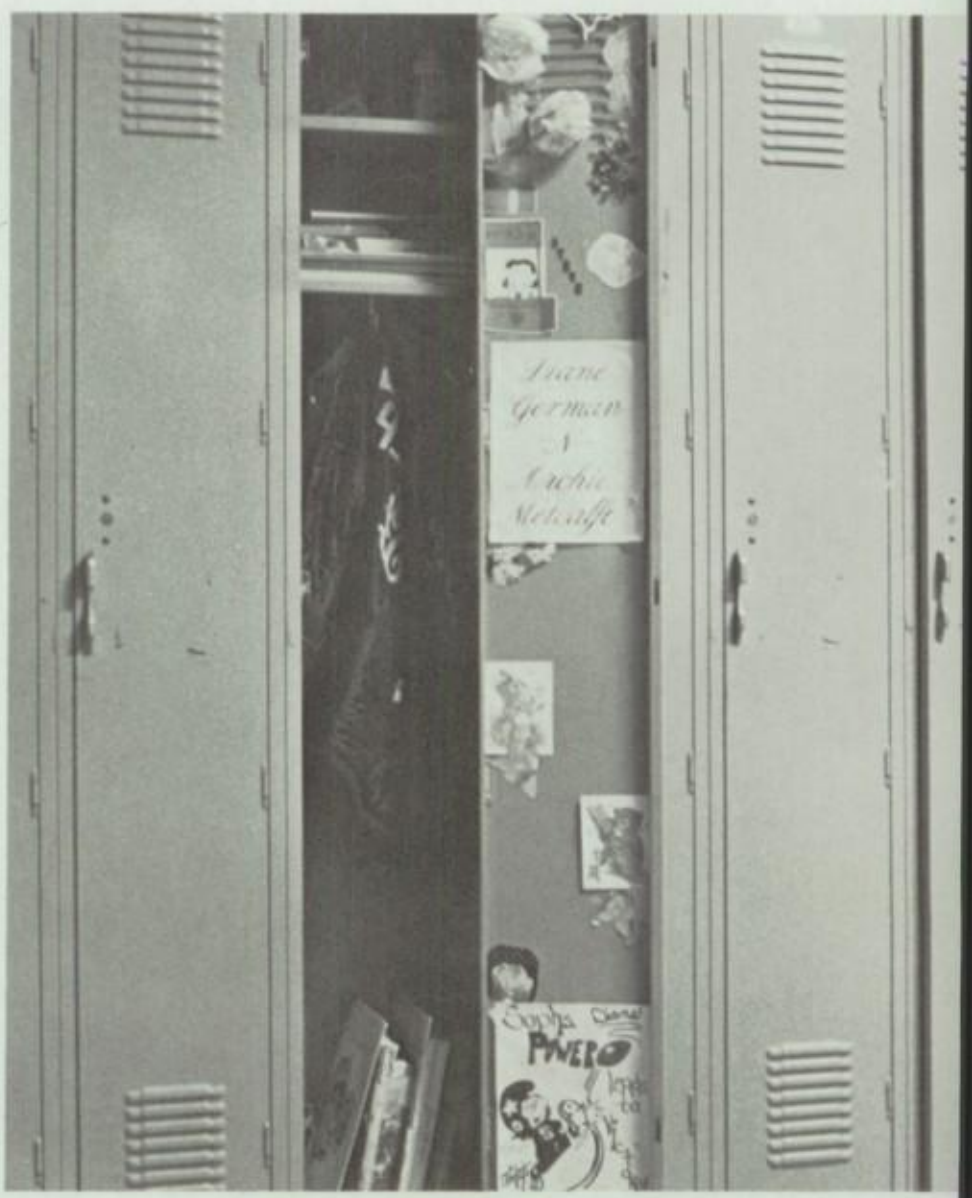
By: Monica Ruen

Whether it is football or basketball season, nearly every Friday you could hear the familiar sound of the school song echoing down the halls from the gym. Upon entering the gym you might see the cheerleaders, again calling students from the audience, to help perform a skit. Sometimes it was an eating race, others it was a contest to see who looked the best in make-up or to see which player had the best aim while blind folded and could shoot the whipcream off someone else's nose. The cheerleaders would often perform the skit all by themselves, which sometimes required a lot of brain power. It usually took three hours, the combined efforts of the six cheerleaders and their advisor, Mrs. Tuohy, to think up some of the crazy acts. But that wasn't the hardest part for the cheerleaders, getting up in front of the whole student body and most of the faculty was very scarey. "You never know what kind of reaction your gonna get," said Elise Mueller a senior varsity basketball cheerleader. Even though it was hard work for the cheerleaders, the fans enjoyed themselves, especially near the end when the cheerleaders threw yummy candy, which was devoured within an instant.

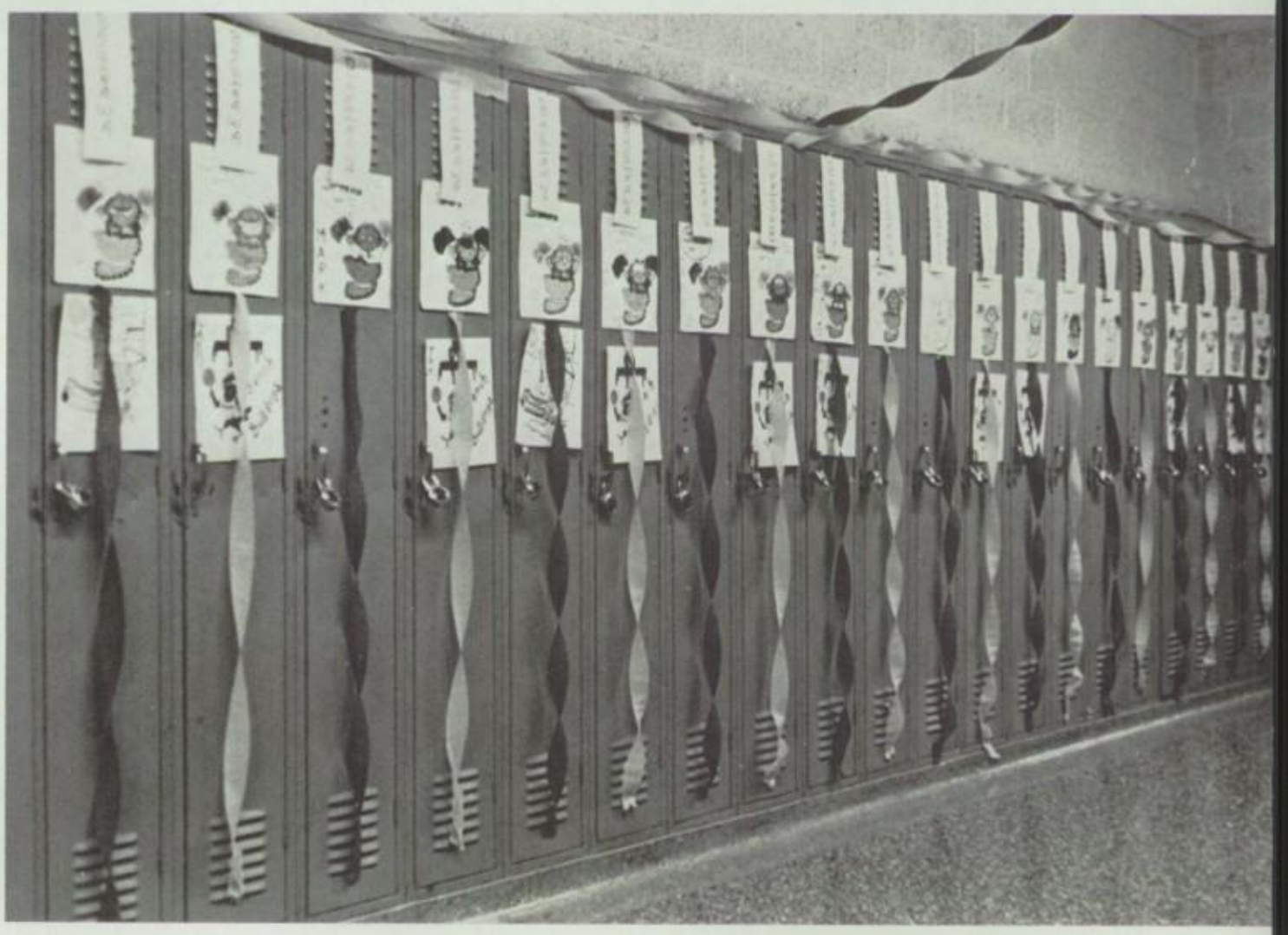
Members of the Junior class show their spirit by racing to build a pyramid.

With a locker decorated by friends Jane Wittler and Roxanne Wieging celebrate Jane's birthday.

The inside of Diane German's locker es capes the blahs with many pictures an signs.



The Freshmen brighten their hall with crepe paper and fliers during spirit week.



Homes Away From Home

By: Katrina Weber

You can often tell a lot about a person's personality by looking at their home. In a way, lockers were our homes while we were at school. Some were neat as a pin with everything in perfect order. Others were a hodge podge of stuff thrown in haphazardly, often taking long moments of frustration looking for yesterday's homework. It was usually found near the bottom of the locker among the old football fliers and gym socks.

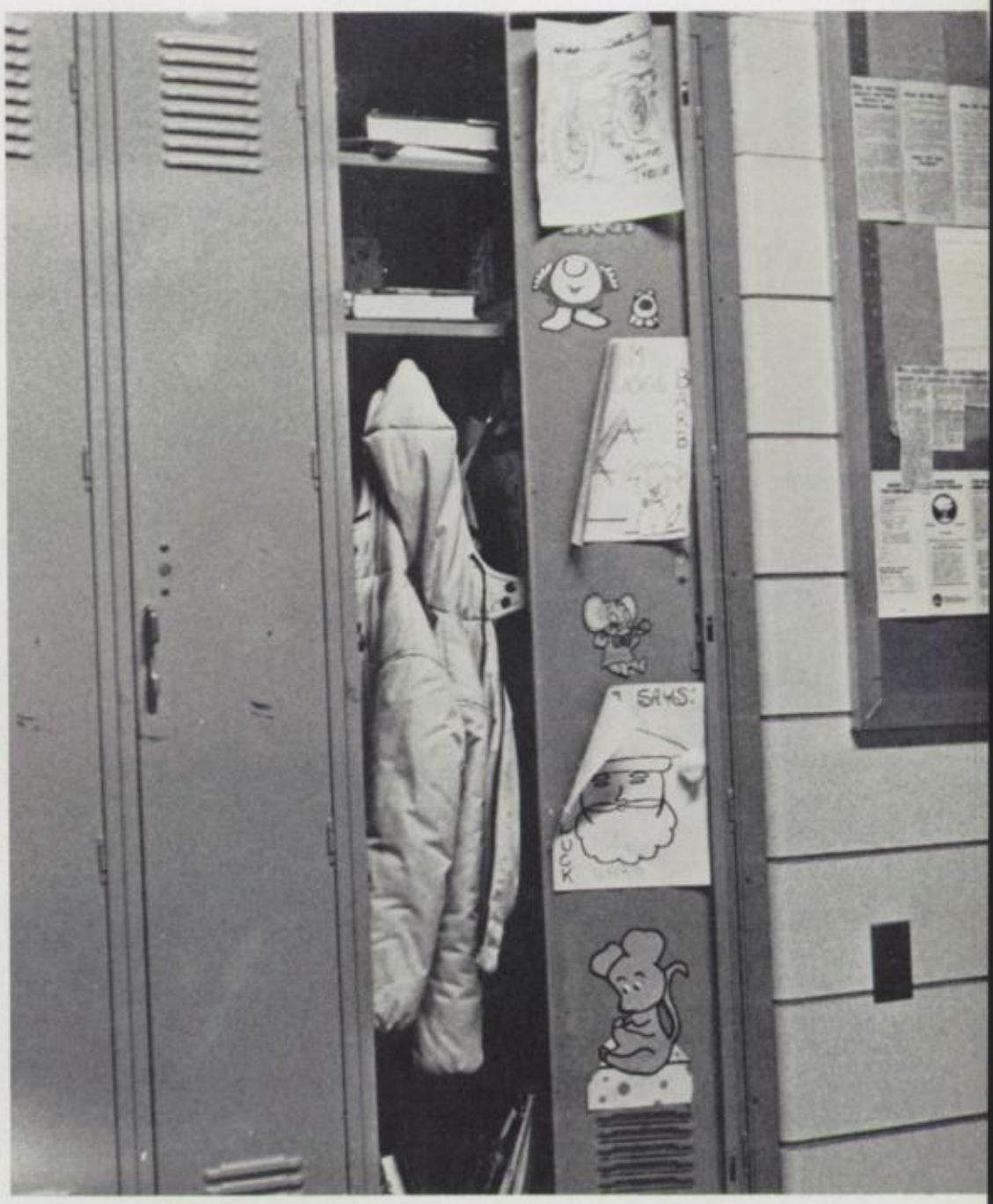
Some people spent hours decorating their lockers and in the process they made a statement about themselves, "This is me!" But most noticeable were the signs and decorations on the outside of the doors.

Many occasions were made known throughout the year by looking at the different lockers. Every day you could find some kind of message. It may have been a birthday, a flier or a snappy slogan for spirit week.

These signs ranged from a small piece of paper with a picture on it to an elaborate banner that stuck out like a sore thumb compared to the rows and rows of dull gray lockers.

Birthdays seemed to be the biggest eye catcher, especially for the Sophomore girls. They were very good at showing their artistic ability, it always seemed they had a little extra creativity in their decorations, especially when it meant getting that long awaited driver's license.

One of the more frequent sights in the Sophomore hall is lockers decorated for 16th birthdays. Here Winnie The Pooh wishes Jeanne Wagner Happy Birthday.



Fliers, Ziggy and mice make Barb Hemker's locker more decorative.

ALL IN A DAY'S FUN

By: Amy Mueller

"Tweet!! Walk!" was a familiar cry at the Delphos Pool last summer. Many of our students spent endless hours lifeguarding, poking paper or serving pop at the Stadium Park.

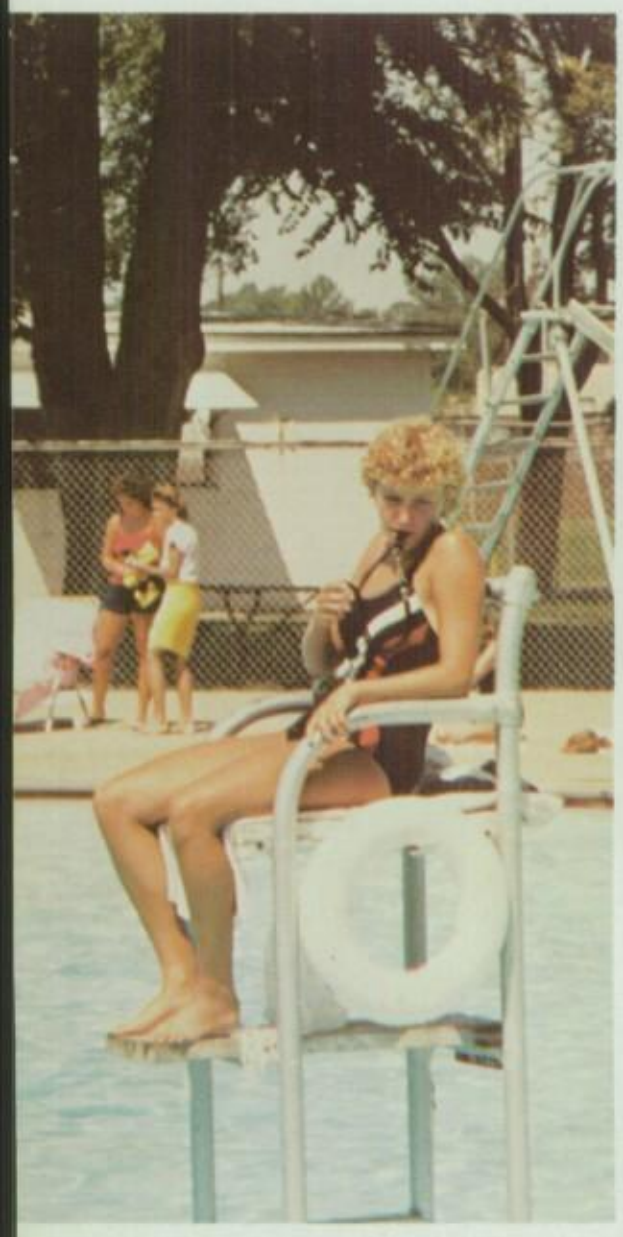
The pool was a popular place on the blistering summer days. For some "diehards" it was even popular on rainy and what seemed like 40° days.

When asked her feelings on working at the pool, first year lifeguard Linda Shenk said, "The kids are brats but I'll go back." Manager Amy Haytcher commented, "I don't know what I'd do with myself if I didn't have that job. Nothing's better than working outdoors and getting an enviable tan." She also said she loved her summer job, and meeting all the demands of being a manager. But, by the time August rolled around, she happily anticipated going back to the classroom.

Swimming and playing ball created hungry kids. When that was the case, trips to the concessions were all it took to satisfy. Students served Pepsi, candy and popcorn to starving swimmers and ballplayers.

Those were just two tasks of the park life. Another just as demanding, was keeping the park in perfect order. That meant getting up at 6:00 A.M. just to poke p per, paint bleachers, or cle bathrooms. Also, keeping t baseball diamonds in good sha were a few undertakings th were accomplished by the- wor ers for Ken Grouthouse.

No matter what time of d there was always someone duty. There were many hours hard work for a lot of fun times the summer of '82.



Correcting some swimmers, Amy Mueller finds out being a lifeguard is more than just sitting in the sun.

Catching a few rays, Carolyn Weiging sits back and keeps a close eye on the baby pool.

he concession stand was run by Mr. nzen and helpers, (front) Ted Arnzen, ott Weiging. (Back) Pam Gerdeman, Lisa Looser, Sherry Rupert, Jeanne Arnzen, and Jodi Mueller. Absent Kathy Ebbeskotte. (Photo by Otten)

Taking time out from the hectic job as manager, Miss Amy Haytcher, relaxes for a short break.

Amusing herself on a cool day with little to do, Theresa Laudick, works in her 'Find A Word' book.

SWEAT, GLITTER = TRANSFORM GYM

By: Katrina Weber

The 1982 Homecoming decorations were a product of diligent workers and a lot of confusion. There were many nights when nobody knew what to do, or where to go.

The Juniors spent five weeks preparing for the dance and even that was rushing it. Many noon hours were filled with discussion and voting on the theme and even revoting wasn't unheard of. Colors were chosen and then revised. Committees were formed and everything was ready, or so they thought.

Everyone stuck to their job, even though there were many disagreements. Using the theme "Enchanted Pathways," the hall and gym were given an air of an enchanted woods and castle. Basketball rims were changed into glittering chandeliers while the Queen's throne rose in the middle of a shimmering terrace for her court.

Decorating began earnestly the Monday before the dance. With the blue curtain in place, things began to take form.

After the game Friday, the Juniors rushed back to school to put the finishing touches on what had already became a monumental task. At 1:00 A.M. there still remained a few die-hards, weary workers trying to stay awake enough to get finished. In the end they opted for going home and catching a few hours sleep before finishing up Saturday morning.

The Sophomores also had problems in deciding what to do for their float. Once they did decide what to do, things just didn't seem to work out well. There were many last minute changes.

Even though there may have been a lot of sweat and hard work put into the weekend, it turned out to be a memorable experience for everyone.

Displaying her artistic ability, Julie Giesken patiently letters the mushrooms for the stage.

Putting the final touches on the float, Sophomores Sandy Utrup, Sue Lindeman and Julie Ardner make sure the wind won't ruin their work.

With time running out, Kathy Ebbeskotte and Sharon Heitz spend a late Friday evening turning basketball hoops into glistening chandeliers.

Showing a hidden side of their personalities, Bart Baldauf and Dan Klima put the finishing touches on Mary's throne.

After a morning full of work, Sue Burnett takes a well earned break.

Surveying their work, Darlene Berres (left) and Scott Wellmann (right) check their butterfly drawings for mistakes as Roxann Markward, Andrea Gessner and Diane Hemfling finish the queen's chariot.

The 1982 Homecoming court included attendants Tamie Harpster, LaLanna Smith, Erin McRedmond, Queen Deanne Kaverman, Julie Clark, Beckie Lehmann and Chris Etzkorn. Escorts Jeff Schwieterman, Andy Vonderembse, Quint Haunhorst, Greg Williams, Kevin Dickrede, Jim Bertling and Ray Bonifas.

Nervously Deanne Kaverman tries to give her speech, while holding back tears of joy. All photos by Ashby.

Presenting a crown of royalty, captains Nick Wrasman and Greg Williams crown Deanne Kaverman 1982 Homecoming Queen.

Clinching a homecoming victory the offensive line patiently awaits the snap.

7-0 Victory For Enchanted Weekend

By: Monica Ruen

On Friday September 24, the annual Homecoming mass was celebrated by St. John's Pastor and superintendent, Father Robert Sidner. On that morning Queen Deanne Kaverman, her court and the football team led the opening procession. All eyes were on them just as they would be all weekend.

During Father Sidner's homily, he spoke of the traditions of Homecoming and expressed a hope that the students would always remember St. John's and return for future Homecoming festivities when able.

As he gave the final blessing everyone felt optimistic about the success of the weekend ahead.

That evening, as the attendants climbed on the beautifully decorated float, a cool breeze blew as cloudy skies threatened to dampen all the festivities. Sophomores crossed their fingers hoping rain wouldn't force the cancellation of the float they had worked so hard on.

After Deanne was crowned by Greg Williams and Nick Wrasman, hundreds of flashes illuminated her tearful speech of thanksgiving. "You may think I have everything right now, but I want one more thing, a Homecoming Victory." Those were the words of Queen Deanne as she tearfully began the Homecoming game.

Jumping out to an early lead on a New Bremen fumble, the fans went wild as the cheerleaders rang out the score on the victory bell. Even a down pour during the band's halftime show didn't dampen the spirit. When the final gun went off and the scoreboard was turned off, the Jays had rung up their first Homecoming Victory since 1978 by beating New Bremen 7-0.

Later that evening, scores of Juniors hurried back to school to try to finish preparations for the dance. At 1:00 A.M. with much to be done a few die hards went home to get a few hours of sleep before they would return in the early morning to add the finishing touches.

As 8:00 P.M. approached, Deanne and her court readied for their last evening of attention. Finally, family, friends and fellow students waited patiently in the elegantly decorated gym for the queen to make her last official appearance and to dance the first dance to the music of ***"Sidestep"***. As the eleventh hour approached, everyone realized just what a great week-end it had been.

Dances, Dances, Dances!

By: Monica Ruen

No matter what the occasion, going back to school, Halloween, Christmas or Valentine's Day, there was always a reason to have a dance.

Going back to school was for some, a depressing thought, but the Student Council members tried to make the best of it by sponsoring a back-to-school dance. With music by TKO it proved to be an exhilarating experience.

Halloween, the scariest time of year, made for a perfect costume dance. The contest for the greatest costume was won by the duo of Amy Schwinnen, who was dressed as a Christmas tree, and Deb Wiechart, a present. The freshman class, who decorated the gym, turned it into a graveyard full of famous names. The gigantic web which was hung from the backboard would even have made Spiderman feel at home.

The Christmas dance, set up by Student Council, was a big success last year. It brought in a tremendous profit of $80, and provided a good time for anyone who attended.

A turn-a-bout dance, held close to Valentine's Day, gave the girls a chance to ask their favorite guy to dance. It helped them to see how difficult it sometimes was to ask someone out. It was a perfect chance to get to know others and have a great time.

Waiting on the dance to start Juli Ardner chats with Teresa Stocklin and Jod Mueller.

One of the only couples on the floor, Beth Kaskel and Quint Haunhorst take advantage of a slow one.

Giving their money to Teresa Stocklin, Sue Schimmoeller, Julie Ardner, Amy Pittner, Kevin Knebel, Steve Davis and Doug Williams pay their way into the back to-school dance as Jodi Mueller stamp hands.

Spiderwoman Mary Ann Stemen and Sr. Angelora boogie to the beat of TKO.

Kicking their feet up with the music are Julie Metzner, Sherrie Kunz, and Sue Lindeman.

Dancing to the music Dave Fischer, Mike Fortner, Quint Haunhorst, Kevin Knebel, Criss Wilson, Tom Cross, and Mike Swick have a great time.

ROCKIN' AND ROLLIN'

By: Amy Mueller

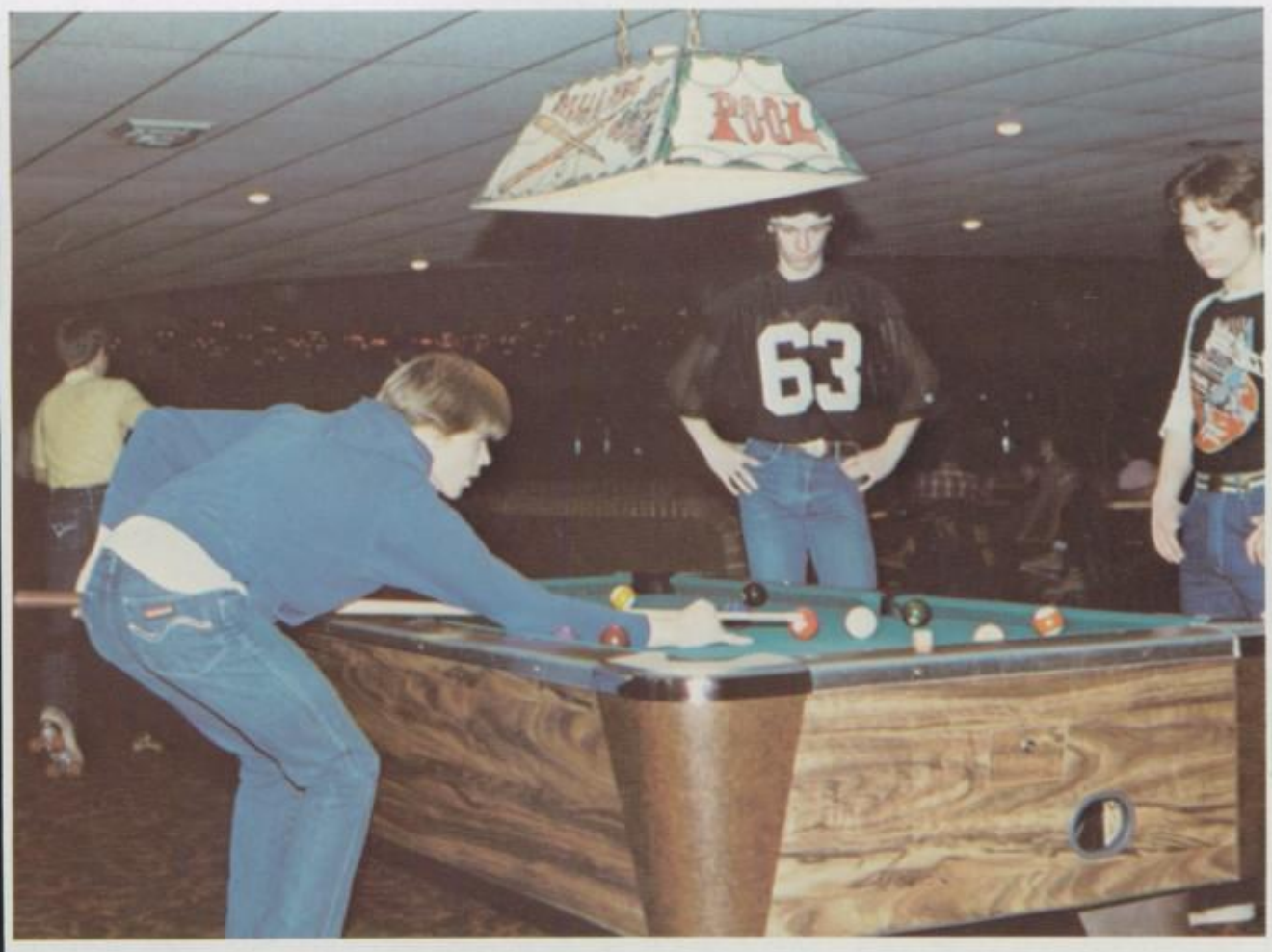
Bruised knees, painful feet and sore behinds were the result of the annual rollerskating party held at the Edgewood Skate Arena. The fiesta was sponsored by Yearbook on February 9, 1983.

Fun was had by all who attended. As the more experienced skater rolled onto the floor and rocked to the steady music of the DJ, those less acquainted with rollerskating took turns hitting the floor. That proved to be quite embarrassing at the time. As time passed, they became more familiar to the wheels and began to get into the music.

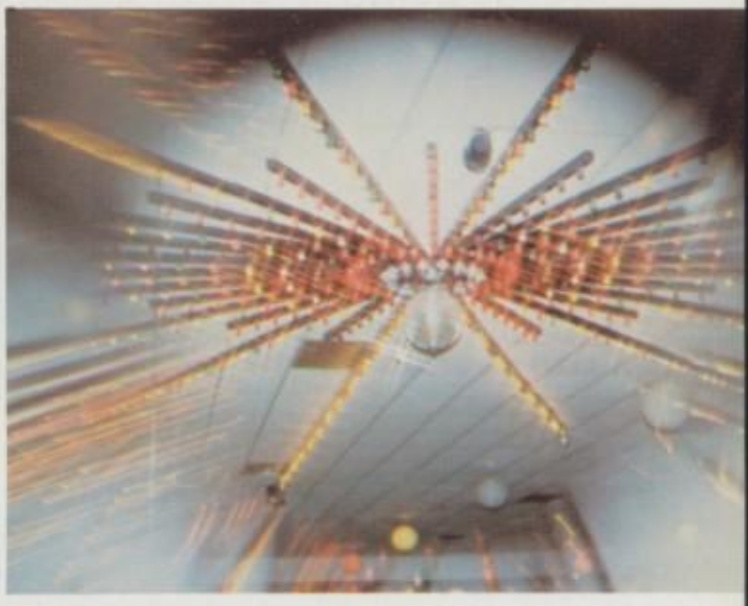
Others used it as a time to spend with friends talking, playing video games or shooting a game of pool. Many different forms of entertainment were enjoyed that evening, and everyone had a great time.

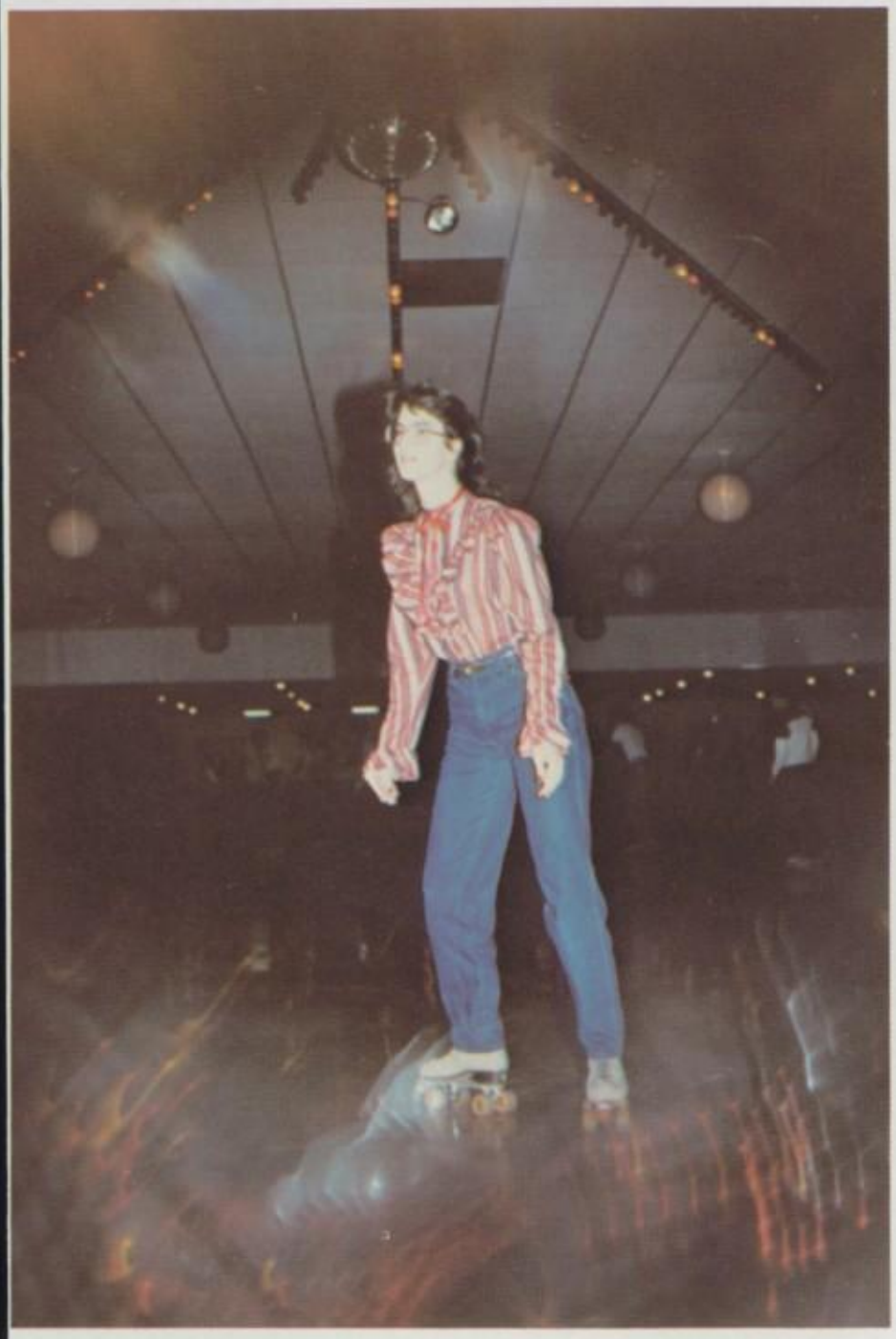
Taking a rest from the action, Chris Alder, LuAnn Gideon, Julie Harpster, Kim Weber and Lori Harpster watch as Kevin Pohlman entertains.

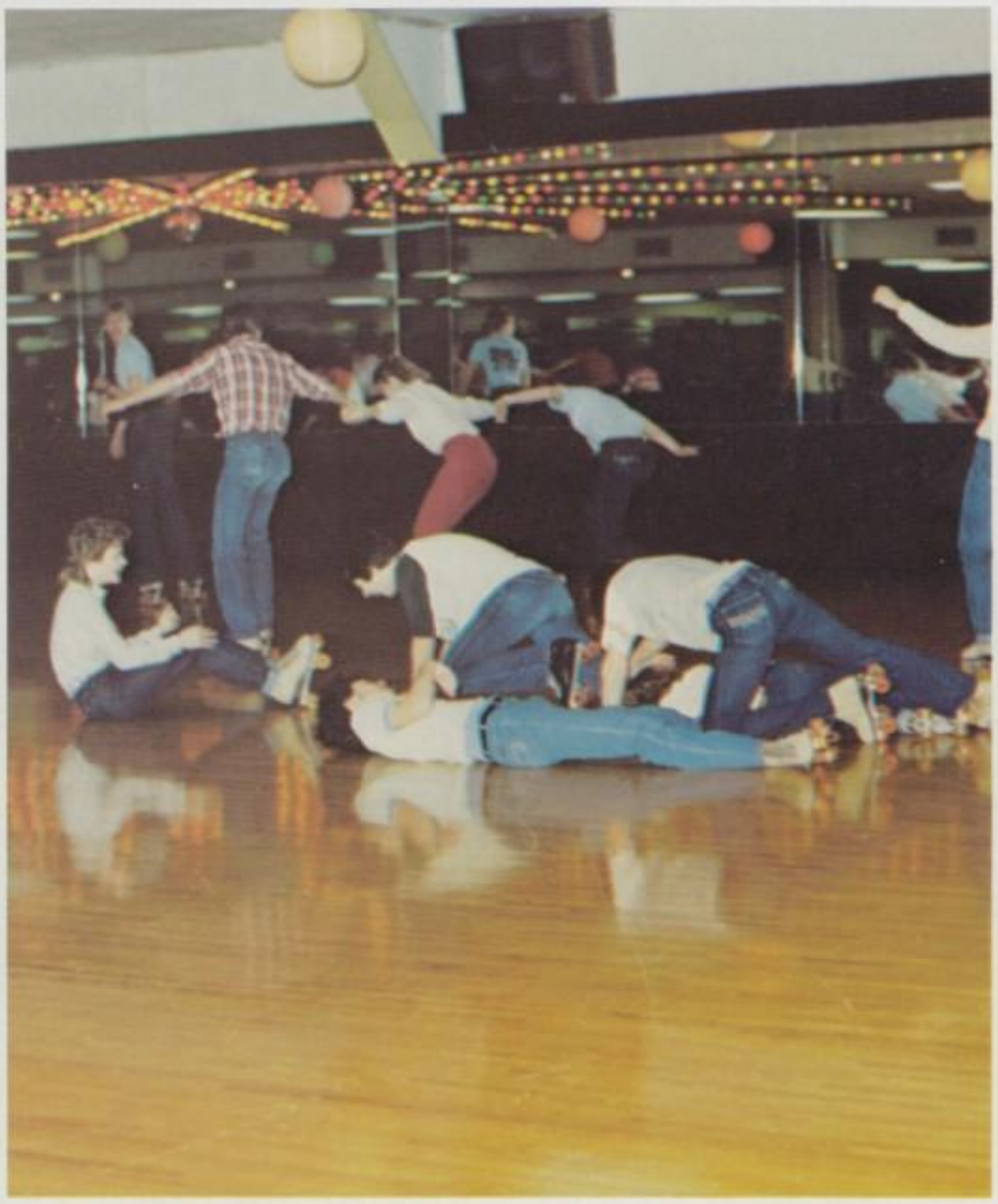
Trying to avoid a spill as they weave in between each other is Tab Fischbach, Tom Bridges, Julie Wrasman and Doug Adams.



With the hope of sinking the 13 ball, Tom Cross takes close aim as Mitch Osting and Alan Etzkorn wait their turn.







Caught up in the music and lights, Kim Rupert dreamily skates away the evening.

After an attempt at trio skating, Julie Harpster, Brian Courtney, Fred Siefker, John Klausing and Chris Alder, find themselves on the floor.

Hard Work Pays Off

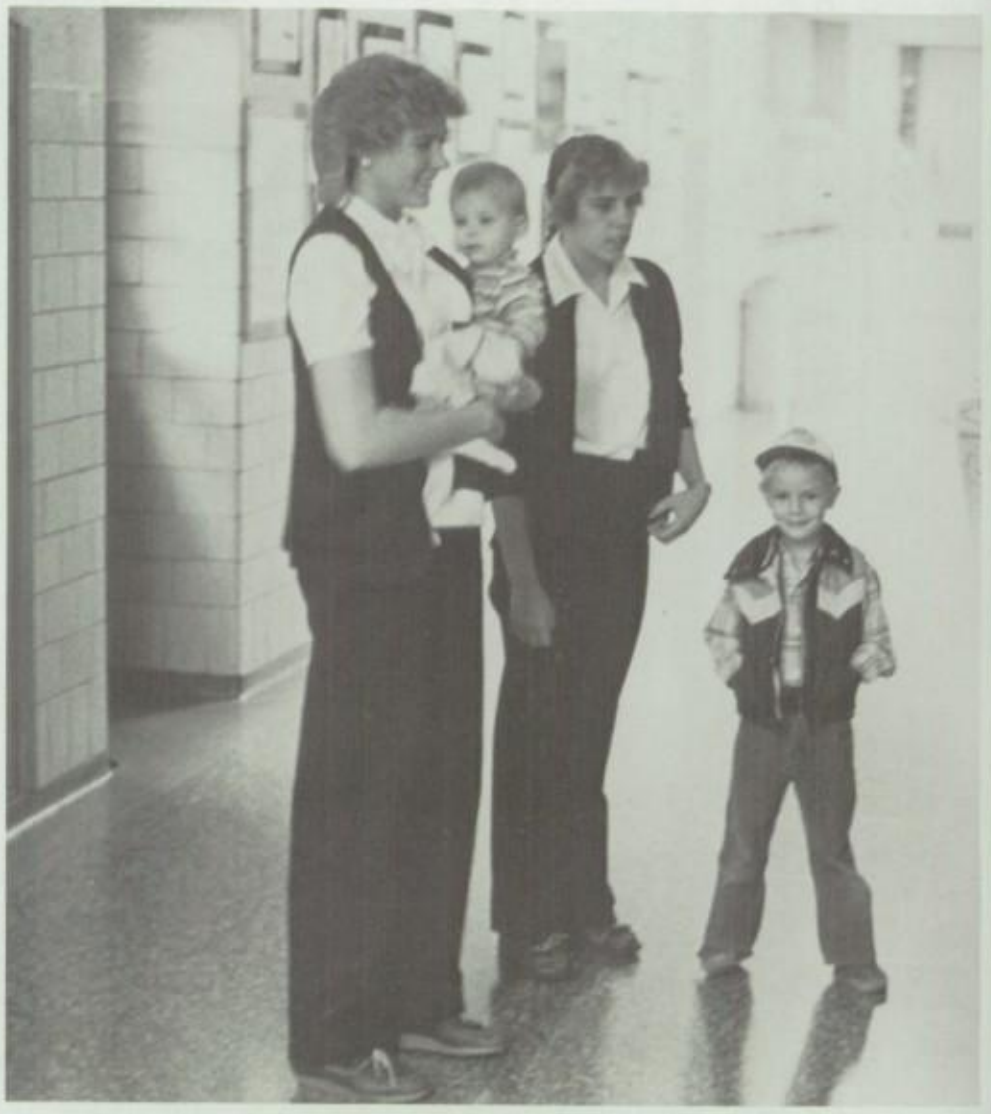
By: Monica Ruen

$90,000 was the goal of this years weekend Church Festival, which began on Saturday, October 15 and was finalized on Sunday, October 16. It took hard work from everyone. Seniors set up the gym and the kitchen, worked on children's day and babysat for mothers who made food and did other odd jobs in the kitchen. Juniors had the hectic job of waiting tables, which in some cases proved to be disasterous. Washing dishes was also a sometimes troublesome job. Sophomores annual cake booth, which ran Saturday and Sunday was a big success this year as it has been for years. The ball toss and automat, run by the Freshman class, proved to be very popular among children.

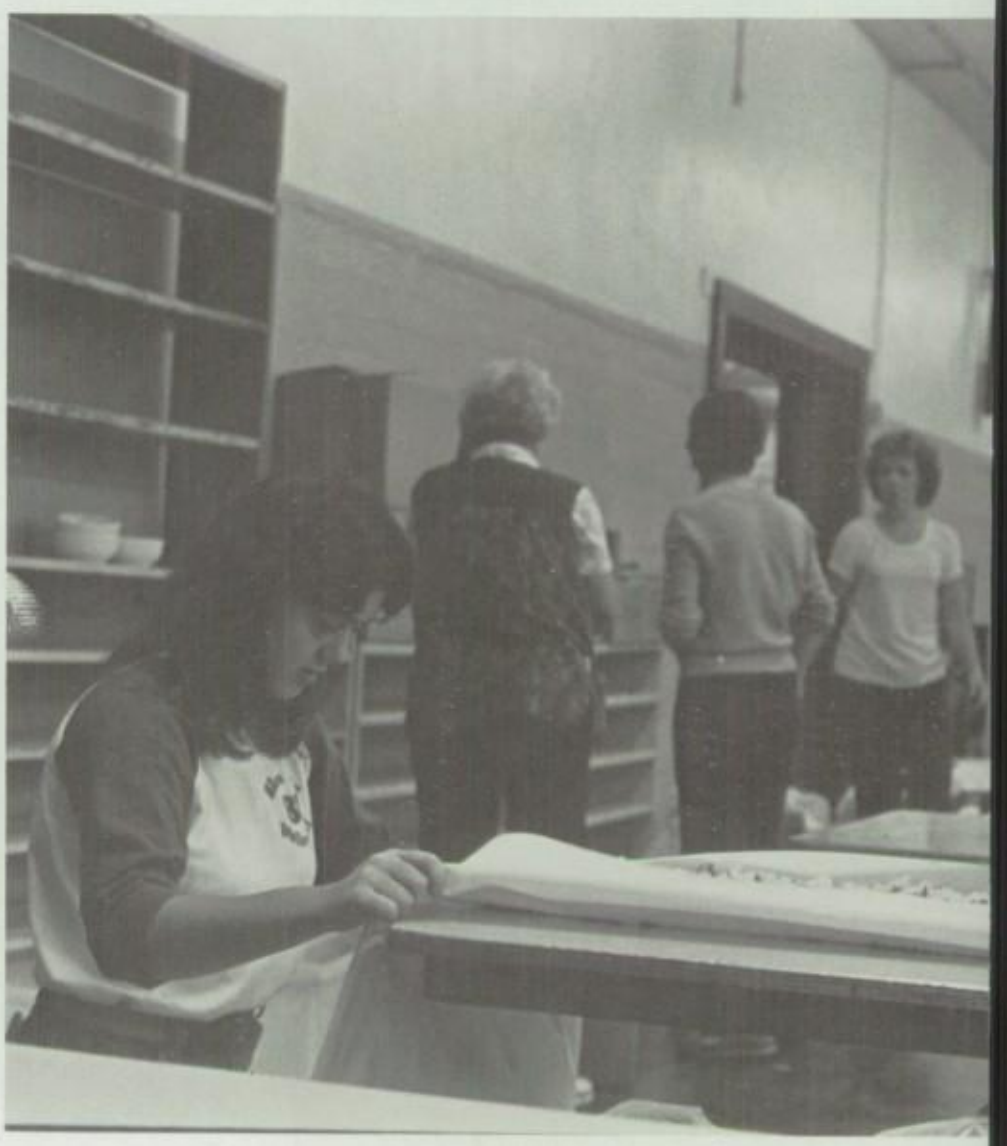
Band members did their share. They had the mind boggling job of waiting among the treasures of Treasure Island, for some undecided winner to come along and pick his prize. Many adults of the community helped an awful lot in the success of the festival. Showdown, bingo, golden wheel, the cooking and serving of carryouts were just a few things the adults did to help.

Everyone pulled together and worked very hard to make the festival a success, and it paid off. The goal of $90,000 was overtaken and when everything was accounted for, the whopping profit of $93,695.13 was made. As Mr. Adams, the school's principal, put it, "You sure can tell how much our school means to everyone." It shows that hard work does pay off.

During their study hall Diann Pohlman and Sue Hiett babysit for children whose mothers are preparing food in the kitchen.



After an exhausting day in the kitchen Jon Obermeyer catches a well deserved rest as Rosemary Pohlman waits for more patrons.



Doing their part to help out with the festival, Joy Suever and Lisa Geier break bread into crumbs for dressing.

Cutting and cleaning chicken was a long, tedious job for Scott Kunz and Tom Sulliver.

Serving tables was a very important job performed by Chris Recker and Bill Humpert.

AAH SUCCESS!

Seniors Chris Kistler, Amy Schwinnen, Sally Spring and Tracey Hines do their best in making our festival a success.

By: Monica Ruen

Even with the hard economic times and the goal set at $90,000, the 1982 St. John's Church Festival was an unbelievable success.

Last year, as in years past, the tradition rolled on. In that one October weekend the people of the community and the students donated their time, patience, and money to one worthy cause, to support our school. They proved that everyone pulling together can achieve anything.

After watching the wheel stop on the number, Steve Fortener and Steve Davi tell Sue Lindeman which prize they want

elping out at the cake booth are Sopho-ores Angie Place and Sherri Kunz, as arilyn Luersman tries her luck.

Senior band members Mary Ann Stemen and Beth Kaskel wait for another lucky winner to choose his or her treasure.

Trying to make the best of a never ending job, Bart Baldauf dries another dish.

Freshmen, Mark Wurst, Greg Wilson, Greg Odenweller and Tony Weichart help out at the Christmas Booth.

RAINBOW FANTASIES COME TRUE

By: Amy Mueller

March 31st was the end of the month, but for the Juniors it was the beginning. It was the beginning of eight weeks of pulling thoughts, ideas and efforts together for one common goal.

This goal seemed many times to most Juniors to be an impossible task. With the first meeting out of the way, and the theme and colors decided upon, all they could do was wait. Class play was under production, which put a stopper to any spring Formal preparations in the gym. A few guys began drawing, cutting and painting the letters. Scott Wellmann started the preliminary drawings of what was to be his beautiful contribution of a mural.

Once class play was completed being at school until nine o'clock became a nightly event for the Junior class. Nothing had been done to the gym and there were only two weeks left before the big night. Ideas were popping up in everyones' heads. Everyone knew what they wanted to do to make their Spring Formal "the best." The theme "RAINBOW FANTASIES" left the field wide open for ideas. Once everything was decided upon it was just a matter of time and effort in getting them all finished.

The rainbow to be hung in the gym, presented a new problem. Supposedly finished, it was hung with disaster. Every tissue square fell out. Something had to be done! Toothpicks were placed behind every piece of tissue to hold them there.

All this extra work really paid off. On May 21, 1983 the music by "SUNDOWN" filled the air. Flashbulbs snapped often as everyone wanted pictures.

As you entered the helium balloon filled gym, you felt a sense of lightness. Many dates followed the balloons example and floated out on the dance floor with that "special date."

Finally it was finished. The Junior class could breathe a sigh of relief. The night was beautiful and the decorations and compliments followed suit. The Junior class had done it, ***together***.

All that was left was the sad job of tearing down, in a few hours, what took weeks to build. Commenting on her Junior year President Amy Mueller said, "I will always remember the way my grade came together to make this happen. They made it special for me and I wouldn't trade it in for anything in the world."

A large group of the nearly 40 people who came stag, enjoy themselves by dancing to the beat of "STRAY CAT STRUT."

The music provided by "SUNDOWN" Allowed everyone to dance to their beat.

Spending many long hours drawing and painting, John Klausing and Scott Wellmann show their artistic abilities as they put the final touches on the mural. Also putting in a lot of time was (Absent) Larry Geise.

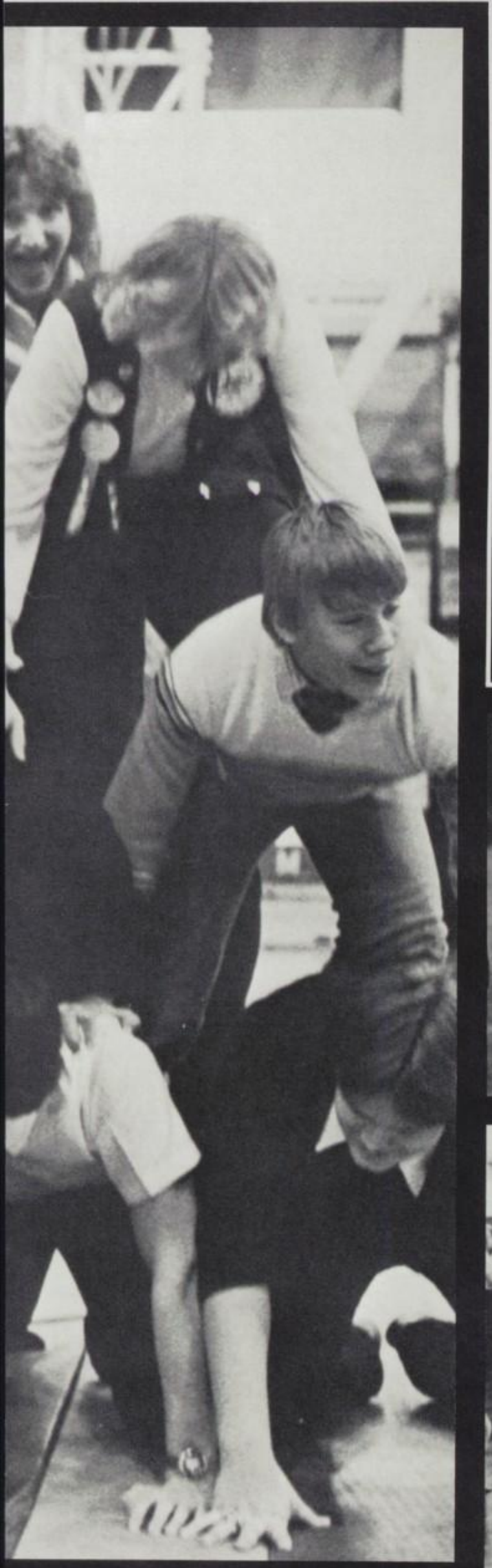
Putting together a last minute idea, Duane Dickrede, Karen Weber, Mark Graham, Amy Mueller and Scott Wieging form an assembly line to make flowers as Andy Vodremse and Jeff Rode come over to help.

aking time out from the dance, Becky ehman and John Bonifas stop for a picre in front of the mural.

Making use of last period study halls, Roxann Markward and Mary Ann Wittler do their part by helping with the Rainbow.

Making sure it is right, Jeff Rode and Mike Kohorst carefully hang the letters.

To get everyone psyched up for the St. Henry game, the Sophomore class builds a pyramid during the pep assembly to show their class spirit.



PEOPLE

People — the backbone of our school. Everyone may have looked the same on the outside with the blue vests, white blouses and their ties, but one had to look deeper inside to see the uniqueness and individuality of the people here at school. Whether a student or a faculty member, we kept the atmosphere alive with electricity. A visitor only had to walk down the hall to feel in the atmosphere the pride and spirit we have for our school and in everything we did.

Underclassmen, seniors and faculty members alike, all worked together to make our school the best. Everyone shed their individuality and joined together as a whole. And the results spoke for themselves; they proved that a student body of 387 could equal that of a bigger school.

Maybe the people here surprised some with all the spirit, pride and hard work that we enthused. Maybe they were surprised at the friendliness and closeness we shared as a school. But for the people of St. John's it was just our way of life.

— By: The Editors

Performing a solo to "Tomorrow" Senior band member Kim Rupert displays what showmanship is all about.

Helping out with the pinata breaking, Freshmen Kim Birkmeier and Lori Harpster guide this second grader to the pinata.

FRESHMEN

Steve Adams
Chris Alder
Betsy Anderson
Lisa Baldauf
Cheryl Baumgarte
Juanita Best

Larry Bigelow
Kim Birkemeier
Shelly Blanke-meyer
Mark Bockey
Tom Bridges
Beth Brinkman

Julie Buettner
Steve Davis
Larry Deitering
Bob Dickrede
Don Ditto
Nancy Ebbeskotte

Matt Eley
Steve Etzkorn
Ben Fischer
Chris Fischer
Tim Fischer
Steve Fortener

Brian Freund
Judy Friedrich
LuAnn Gedeon
Andy Geise
Dan Gerdeman
Deana Gerde Ger-deman

Jim Giesken
Tim Goergens
Dave Griffis
Rita Grothaus
Chris Gunder
Julie Harpster

Lori Harpster
Karen Hemker
Kevin Hesseling
Todd Hines
Steve Hoehn
Amy Hohman

STUDENT AID

After having explained the proper use of adverbs, Linda Shenk waits for a correct answer from either Matt Wrasman or Terry J. Pohlman.

By Roxann Markward

This past year Future Teachers of America (FTA) started something new. Members of FTA were asked to volunteer their time, and help students who needed it.

Linda Shenk and Andrea Gessner donated a half-hour of their fifth period study hall on Mondays and Wednesday to help some students from Mrs. Hanser's freshmen English class.

After lunch, on almost every Monday and Wednesday, you were sure to find these students working hard in Mr. Funk's office.

The students who stayed in the group felt that the extra help really did pay off. Mrs. Hanser said that she noticed an increase in participation among the students in the group.

This project added a new dimension to what FTA was all about. Through this, students who needed help received it and it gave some members of FTA an opportunity to try their hand at student teaching. Through this, they learned more about FTA and whether or not they would like to be teachers in the future.

Michelle Holden
Ann Holdgreve
Denise Inkrott
Ken Jackson
Lisa Jettinghoff
Matt Jettinghoff

Michelle Jones
Roger Kaverman
Mitsie Kayser
Scott King
Jeff Klausing
Beth Kroeger

Charles Kroeger
Dana Lause
Glen Lause
Jim Lindeman
Marilyn Luersman
Kelly Martz

Steve Martz
Mike McCall
Tim Menke
Kelly Meyer
Lisa Miller
Cheryl Moenter

Mike Moscinski
Sheila Mox
Kami Mueller

Greg Odenweller
Dale Pohlman
Lisa Pohlman

Terry J. Pohlman
Terry L. Pohlman
Lynn Pothast

Geralyn Recker
Sharon Recker
Phil Reindel

Doug Rode
Todd Rode
Blake Roxlau
Kathleen Ruen
Matt Scarr
Sandy Schimmoeller

Paula Schlereth
Lisa Schwinnen
Patty Shumaker
Doug Sickels
Susan Siefker
Amy Stemen

Displaying their singing and acting abilities in front of the student body, freshmen Steve Etzkorn, Jim Lindeman and Dale Pohlman know the consequences of being caught by the seniors.

Cynthia Suever
Dave Vasquez
Ron Vonderembse
Joe Vonderwell
Carla Wannemacher
Kim Weber

When All Else Fails . . . Hide!

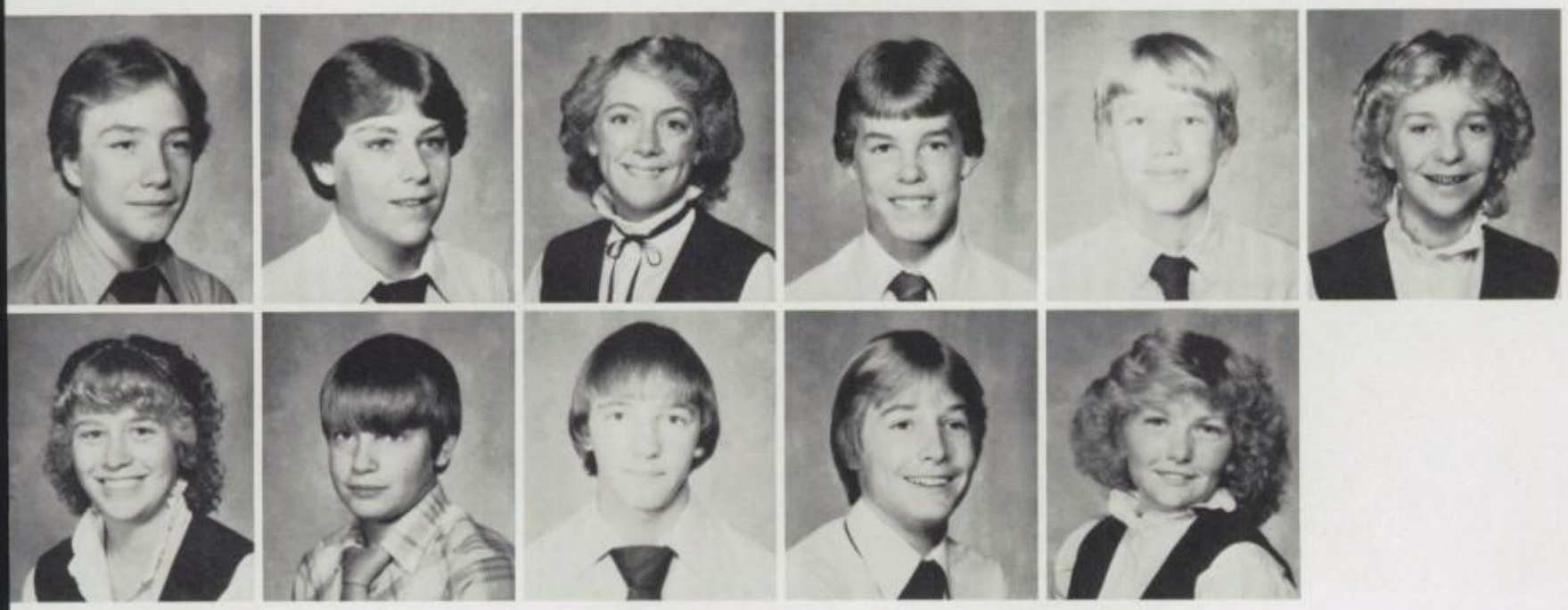
By Elise Mueller

One quality that always seemed to fill a freshman was fear, especially fear of the unknown. When they first started high school they weren't quite sure of what they were getting themselves into. What was going to happen to them? Lunch time was definitely the worst though. A large majority of the freshmen thought they would be smart and go to the training center classes at noon to be away from the seniors who made them sing during lunch. Yet still some daring ones stuck it out, even though they weren't quite sure it was the best thing to do. But no matter how hard they tried to get around it, all the freshmen were sooner or later forced to sing the school song for the seniors. After it was over with though, it probably wasn't as bad as they had expected it to be.

It was never hard to spot a freshman at noon. They were always the ones running across the gym floor hoping a senior wouldn't spot them and force them to perform a solo of the school song in front of a laughing student body. But when all else failed and they felt done for, they ran up to their lockers, opened the doors, jumped in and silently hid; hoping the seniors wouldn't come looking for them. Hopefully, they were safe at last, until tomorrow of course!

If that didn't make them worse they were always paranoid about making a good impression and just surviving through each day. It was tough being a freshman because they went from the top of the totem pole in grade school and ended up on the ground when they started high school.

Although most freshmen were timid and filled with apprehension, there were always a few who were different. There always seemed to be those freshmen who didn't mind rolling their pants up and their socks down, holding hands and skipping around the gym floor while singing. They actually seemed to enjoy it when everyone laughed at them. Attention is what these greenies loved to get! But how much fun was that for a senior?



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Julie Wrasman
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Victoria Yahn

SOPHOMORES

Doug Adams
Julie Ardner
Scott Axe
Diana Backus
Dave Baldauf
Alan Beining

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Jackie Bockey
Ray Bonifas
Brian Blankemeyer
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Tab Fischbach
Jeff Friemoth

Elaine Fuerst
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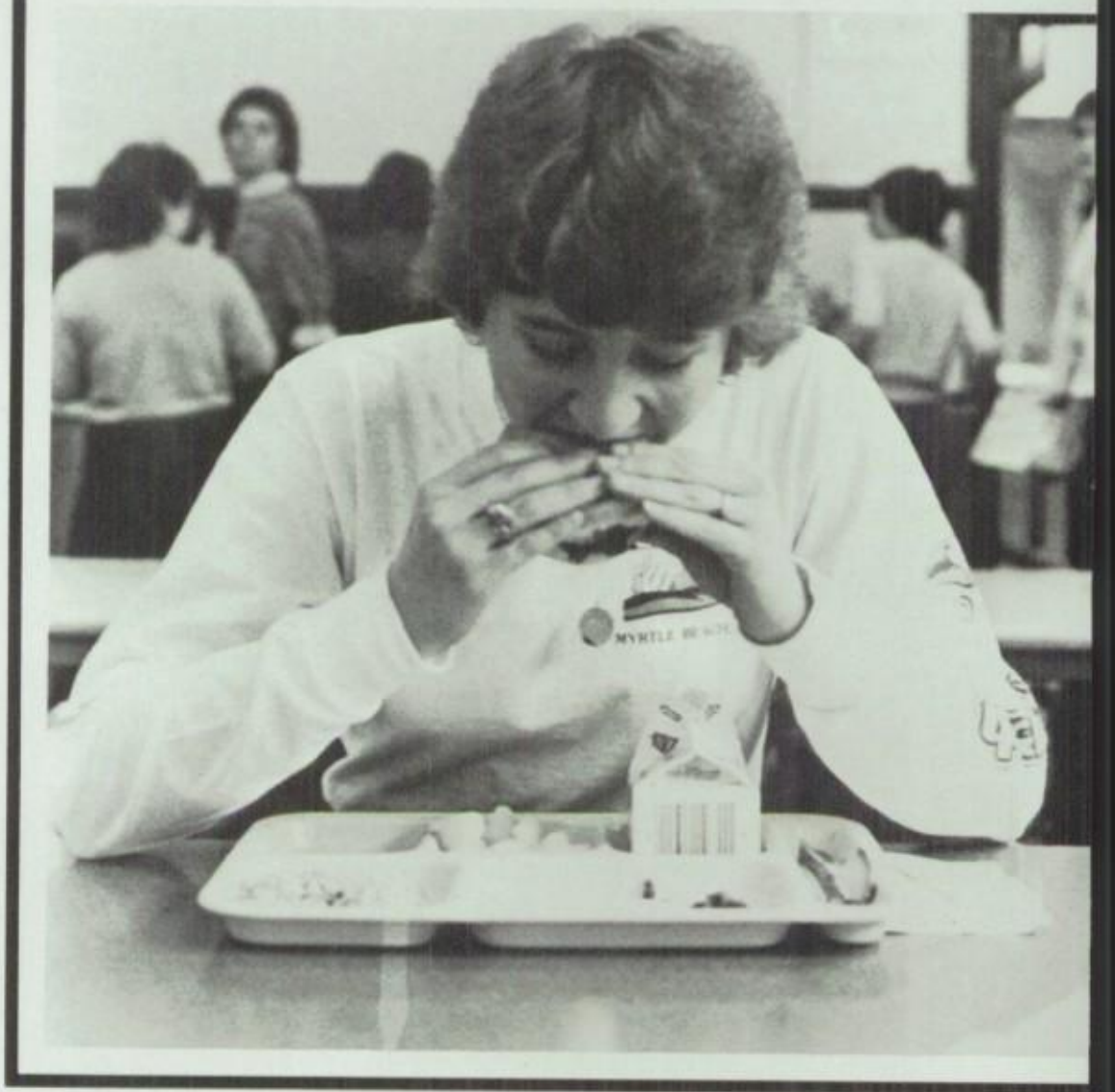
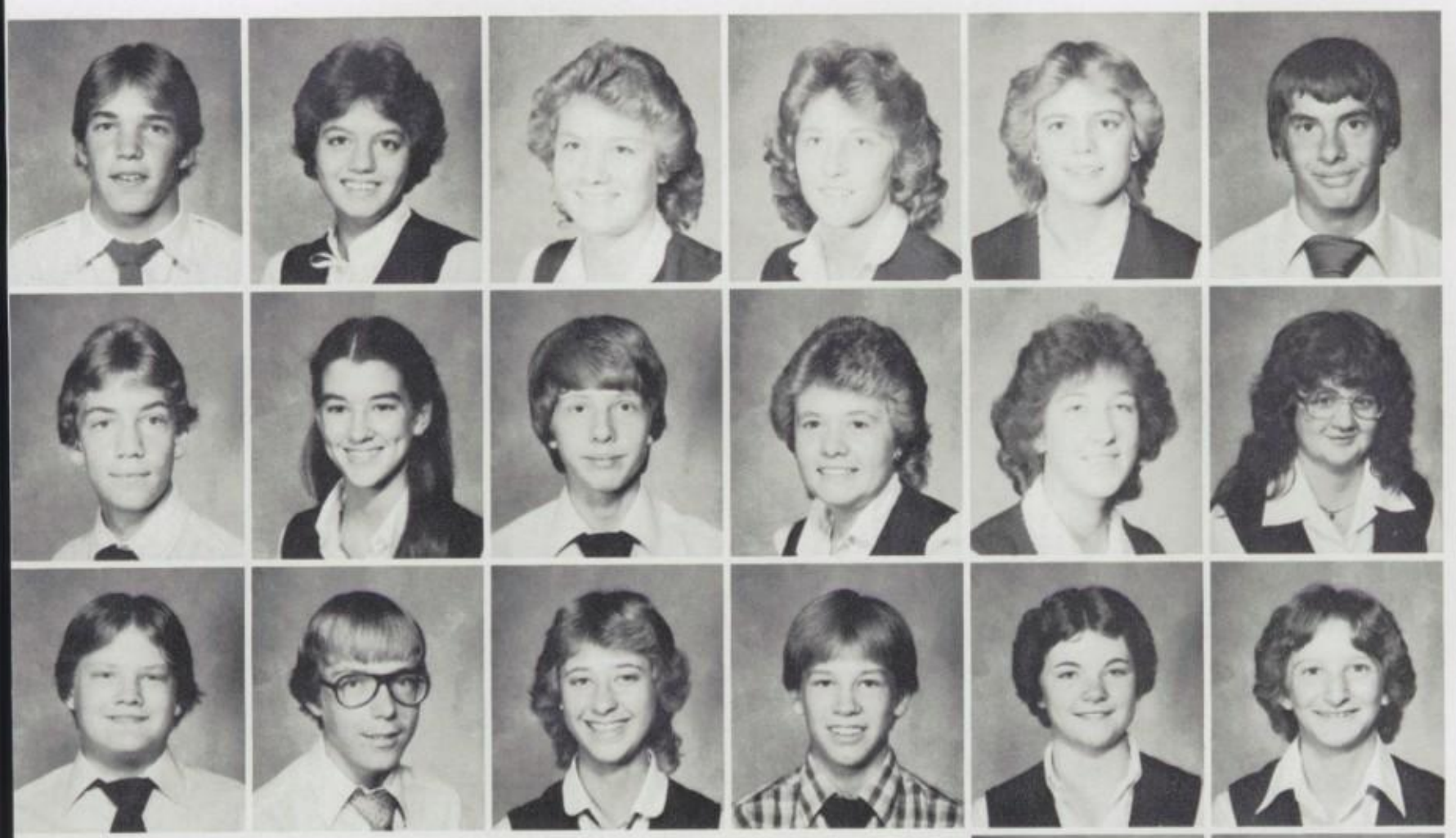
Eating her favorite concoction of sloppy joe, jello and potato chip sandwich, Jodi Mueller finishes one of her many favorite meals.





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Vince Kinstle
Randi Klausing

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Annette Klima

Dave Korte
Ginny Kroeger

Sherri Kunz
Gene Lause

Actually Edible?

By: Julie Giesken

Many students these days have wild cravings for foods at all hours of the day. One can be sure to find someone having potato chips and pop for breakfast or cereal for supper.

Where these unusual eating habits came from, no one is sure. Most generally they came about when one was starving and there was nothing to eat in the house.

If one was not changing around meals, they may be found eating a strange combination of foods. One thing a lot of people liked to do was put mounds of ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise or even horseradish on foods which generally do not call for them.

Some of these weird foods came to life at parties. Some were dares, while others were results of food experiments when someone was hungry. If people would see someone eating a strange combination they would figure if it was good enough for that person to eat that they might as well give it a try too!

For a few, these foods are a part of their everyday life, but over all it is just a whim that is soon forgotten and never tried again.

Several students said that almost everyday at lunch one could be sure to find John Bockey eating a peanut butter, bologna and mustard sandwich. If that was not bad enough, Jodi Mueller might be at home mixing up and eating potato chips, sloppy joes and jello. It is hard to believe that there are some people who find these foods actually edible! Whatever weird combination you think up, don't worry what people say, they may be eating something worse!

GET TOUGH! GET TRIM!

By Elise Mueller

Whether it was the guys pounding iron in the weight room, people jogging through the halls, students sweating during sports practices or the girls stretching out at the Gymnastics Academy; everybody seemed to be obsessed with getting tough and getting trim. No one wanted to stop at good! Whether they wanted to lose weight, gain weight, gain inches, trim inches or just feel more energetic; all they had to do was work at it. They knew they had to work to be physically fit because it would not happen effortlessly. Work was all that stood between them and the bodies that they wanted.

What was all this hard work for? Some of the guys just wanted a second glance from a certain girl. Maybe some girls just wanted to look extra good in that new pair of jeans. But no matter what the case was, physical fitness seemed to plague the school. Students as well as the faculty lifted weights, jogged, took aerobics, went to the Body Shop, danced or just exercised on their own to improve and strengthen their bodies. Yet others did it simply because they enjoyed it.

One could always be sure to see the weight room full of guys huffing and puffing. Of course everyday Father Bruning was outside running one of his many miles. The Little Theater was quite often full of seniors dancing for the class play. And certainly some group was bound to be working out in the gym.

Whether the exercise was for some sport, activity or for their own enjoyment; it all seemed to play a big role in the lives of the students and faculty members. No matter what the reason was for guys wanting to gain inches and girls wanting to take them off, it seemed to make the days go by a little easier when they had something else to do besides school work.

Showing a full stretch, Deb Mace displays her toned muscles and conditioned body. All of the long hours spent at the Gymnastics Academy payed off.

Showing that being physically fit pays off, Joe Vonderwell, Scott Wellmann and Todd Gable run the last leg of the 3.1 mile cross country course.

Sue Lindeman
Debra Mace
Mary Maloney
Mitch Markward
Tim Martin
Tom Martin

Paula Martz
Dale Metzger
Julie Metzner
Rachel Michael
Jodi Mueller
Laura Niemeyer

Tony Odenweller
Amy Pittner
Angela Place
Russ Pohlman
Barbara Recker
Sue Scarr

Sue Schimmoeller
Scott Schnipke

Sarah Schulte
Jeff Schwieterman

Karen Seffernick
Teresa Stocklin

Tracey Suever
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Mike Ulm
Julie Utrup
Sandy Utrup
Art Vonderwell
Teresa Von Deylen
Jean Wagner

Judy Wieging
Roxanne Wieging
Karen Wienken
Jerry Wilhelm
Janet Will
Jane Wittler

Janet Wrasman
Joe Wrasman
Michelle Wurst

JUNIORS

Bart Baldauf

Cindy Berelsman

Darlene Berres

Buddy Bertling

Ed Bielawski

Laurie Bockey

Mary Kay Brickner

Keith Buettner

Sue Burnett

Jim Cavelage

Tom Cross

Scot Deffenbaugh

Duane Dickrede

Vicki Ditto

Diana Ebbeskotte

Kathy Ebbeskotte

Scott Ernst

Alan Etzkorn

Dave Fischer

Mike Fortener

Paul Friedrich

Connie Fuerst

SERVICE WITH

By Roxann Markward

This past year over half of the junior class participated in the Delphos Community Christmas project which was run and organized by Mrs. Edna Fischer. This Christmas project was a success thanks to help from Mrs. Sheryl Odenweller, Sr. Valerie and many of the juniors who donated their time and energy.

Some of the students participated with the preparations before the arrival of Christmas. A few of the juniors went to the local stores and distributed money cans for donations from the public. This money went for buying gifts for the elderly and families who requested help with purchasing Christmas presents. Students collected the money on every Tuesday prior to Christmas.

On December 23, the participating juniors set out to deliver fruit baskets or poinsettias to the shut-in elderly or

Buddy Bertling, Jim Mager, and Duane Dickrede are going out to deliver their quota of fruit baskets to the shut-in elderly.

Mike Gable
Kelly Gallmeier
Kevin Geise
Larry Geise
Andrea Gessner
Julie Giesken

Dan Goergens
Mark Graham

Sharon Heitz
Diane Hempfling

Jan Hesseling
Sue Hiett

Nadine Honigford
Gina Johnson

Brenda Kaverman
John Klausing

Dan Klima
Kevin Knebel
Karen Kohorst
Mike Kohorst
Kim Kortokrax
Lisa Kortokrax

A BIG SMILE

toys for the families who sent their names in requesting them. The juniors left school and worked in two shifts. The first group left at 8:00 and the second group at 10:00 with both groups working approximately forty-five minutes each.

Many of the juniors felt this experience was very rewarding and heart warming. Several spent some time visiting with the elderly when they delivered their fruit baskets. They enjoyed some homemade cookies and listened to them reminisce about bygone Christmases.

Displaying her service with a big smile Diana Ebbeskotte gathers her fruit baskets and prepares to make her deliveries to the elderly.

BEST BOSOM BUDDIES

By Julie Giesken

Everyday the chatter of friends filled the halls. There was always an exchanging of wild stories about excitement and romance from the previous weekend.

A friend was one who was always there to share those crazy times and those when one ended up in trouble. They understood one's feelings, and after the weekend, they knew what to remember and what to forget, because some things were just not worth remembering.

The ideal friend was not always perfect, but then again, who was. One always believed what their friends told them, even when it sounded outrageous. Most people did anything for their friends, well almost.

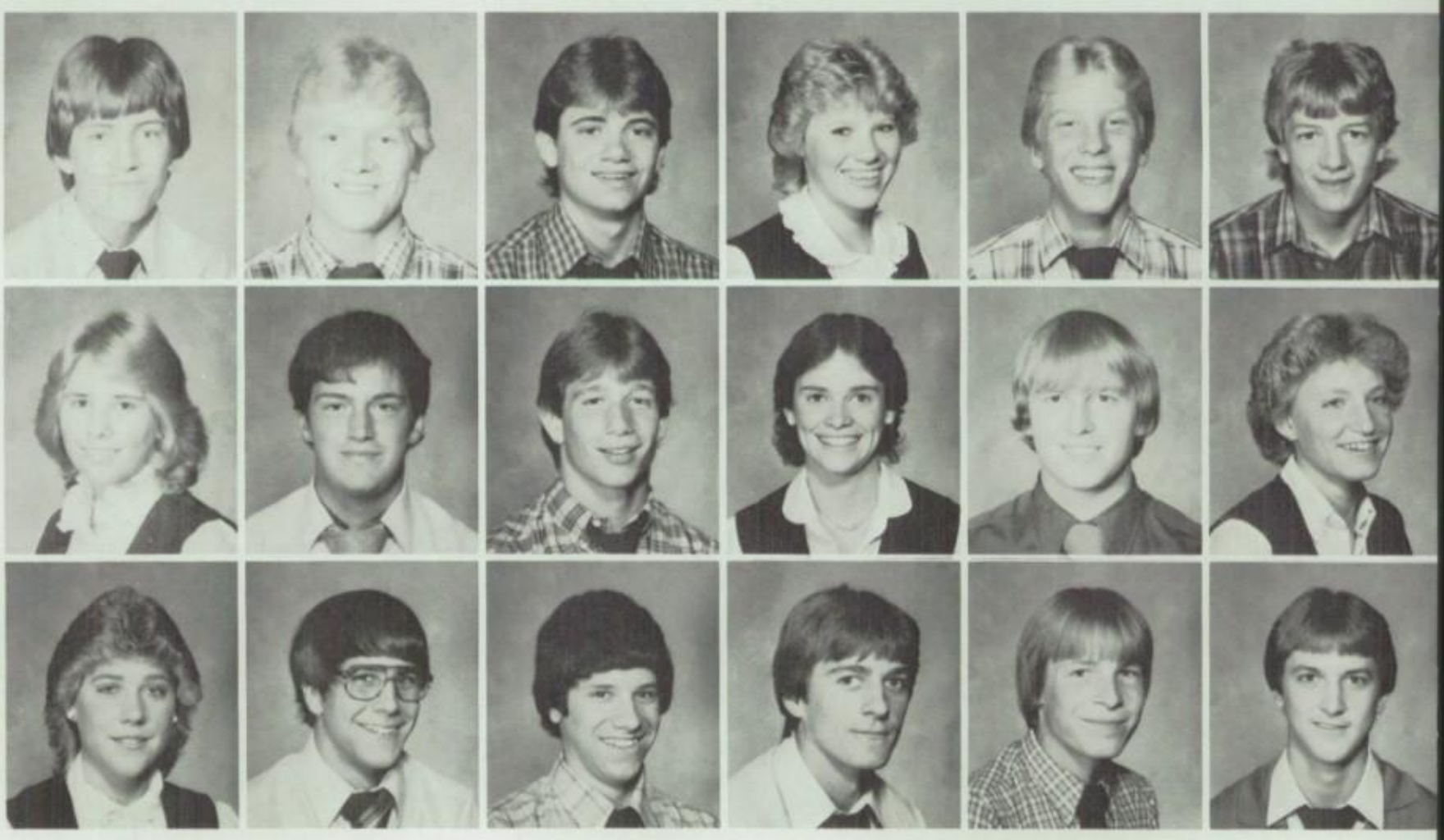
People can always tell how their friend feels by looking at their facial expressions. An expression of disapproval looks totally different than that of acceptance.

What would the weekends be like without friends? Some students never even thought about going out without their friends because these were the only people they felt they could be themselves around. Everyone always had a good time while with their friends.

Trust is what a friendship revolves around. If one cannot trust their friends, who can they trust.

A friend was someone hard to get along with, but impossible to be without.

Looking over the results of the cross country meet Linda Shenk shows Monica Ruen the stats while their friend Andrea Gessener looks on.



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Beckie Lehmann
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Chuck Metcalfe
Tim Metzger
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Nick Mills
Amy Mueller

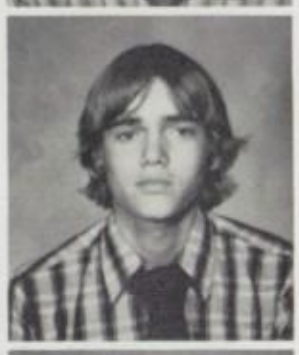
Diann Pohlman
Glenn Pohlman
Jim Pothast
Tim Reindel
Tony Reindel
Jeff Rode

Enjoying the lunch hour, Dave Zalar and Tom Kroeger are laughing at what Tim Metzger writes in his friend's yearbook.

Kim KortoKrax intently listens to Laurie Bockey talk and talk and talk.

Monica Ruen

Dean Schwinnen



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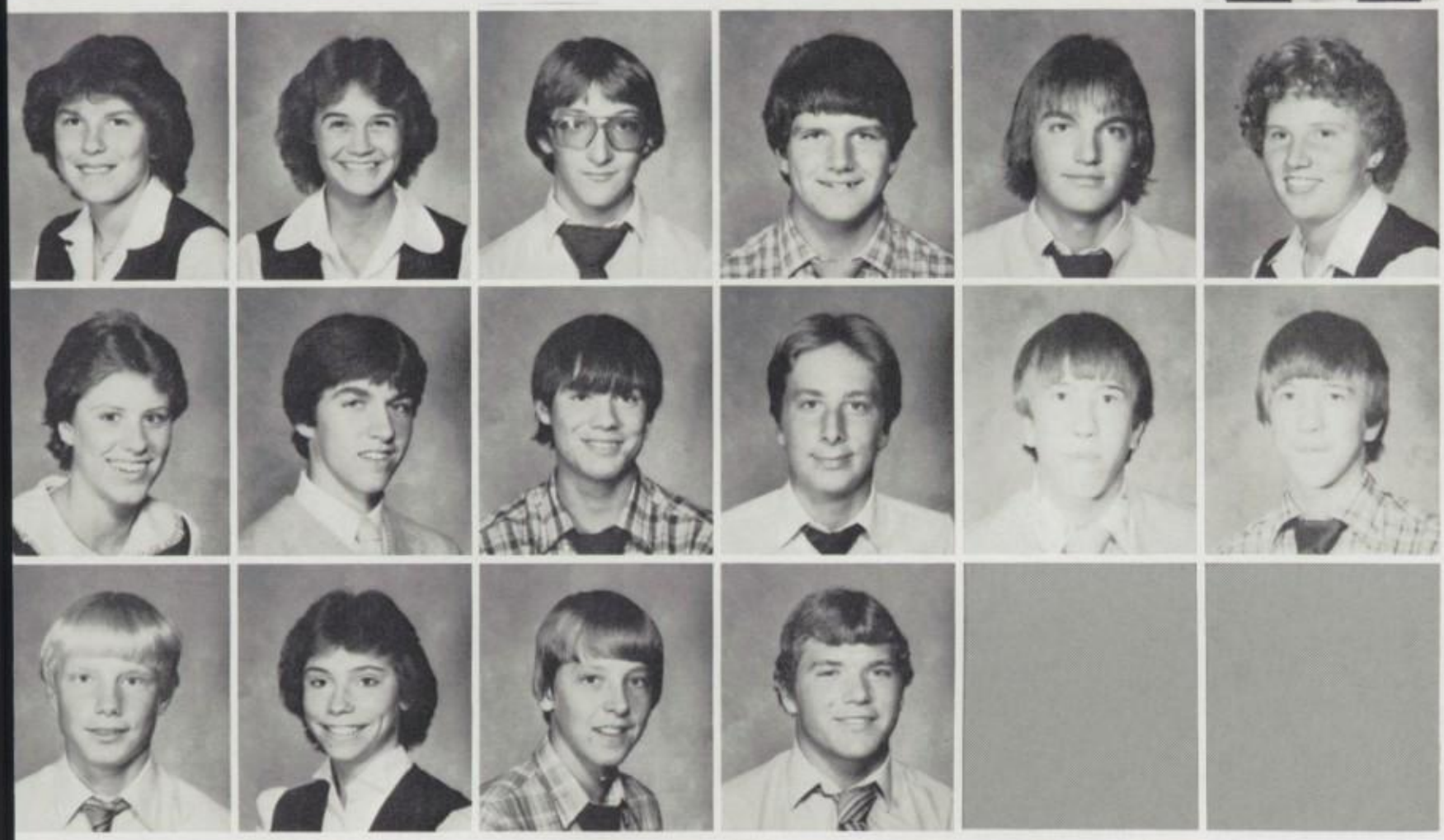
Linda Shenk



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Mary Ann Wittler
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Dave Zalar

FACULTY

George Adams
Kay Adams
Sr. Mary Angelora
Bob Arnzen
Sr. Mary Bernarda
Lois Blankemeyer
Sr. Mary Brigid
Fr. David Bruning
Margie Clark
Jim Dannhausen
Cathy Degen
Edna Fischer
Dorothy Fisher
Marilyn Fisher
Celie Friemoth
Ray Funk
John Gunder
Pam Hanser
Amy Haytcher
Bill Hoffman
Don Huysman
Bea Jettinghoff
Ruth Kemper
Royce Kochensparger
Charles Krumel
Sr. Mary Ladonna

With a lot of encouragement, Varsity Wrestling Coach, Mr. Funk, helps get Kevin Buettner psyched up for his upcoming Wrestling match.

Mary Jeannette Menke
Angeline Miller
Neil Miller
Jean Minnig
Rod Moorman
Craig McRedmond

Jane Noonan
Sharyl Odenweller
Lucille Pohlman
Rita Ricker
Fr. Robert Sidner
Rita Suever

Alan Unterbrink
Sr. Mary Valerie
Pat Vasquez
Fran Voll
Rose Mary Warnecke
Paul Wiechart

AFTER HOURS

By Julie Giesken
Roxann Markward

Anxiously the teachers waited for the three 'clock bell to ring. The time seems to drag on. ive minutes till, three till, one minute till. inggg!! At last the long school day was over. low for some home life.

This thought may have run through the inds of many teachers as they trudged rough the long school day. But for many achers the day was only half over. There was lass Play, coaching, preparation for the next ay's school work or just spending time with e family.

Some of the faculty that served as coaches ut in as many as ten hours a day, five days a eek.

Besides coaching, a few members of the aculty put in an excessive amount of hours orking with the students on such things as lass Play and a variety of the school dances.

Faculty members contributed their time to elp with the different sports activities where nd when needed. Such activities included elling tickets at games, keeping score and working the clock. A few of them also tried to keep everyone under control at all of the games.

When they didn't work at school related activities, many of the faculty members were found doing various odd jobs. Such jobs included working at the pool and the park, doing construction work and painting, and helping with the Emergency Medical Service. There were also numerous other jobs.

Some of the married faculty members spent their after school hours working around the house or taking care of their children. After they fulfilled their day's responsibilities there was usually just too little time left to relax and watch television or to just spend time working on a hobby that was enjoyed.

Having a lot of patience is a good asset for Mr. Gunder to have as he attempts to explain proper camera techniques to Mike Fortener.

Brenda S. Backus
Lisa A. Baldauf
Dennis A. Berelsman
Linda K. Bergfeld

Shawn D. Blankemeyer
John P. Bockey
John J. Bonifas
Mark J. Bridges

Kevin E. Buettner
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Laurie K. Grone

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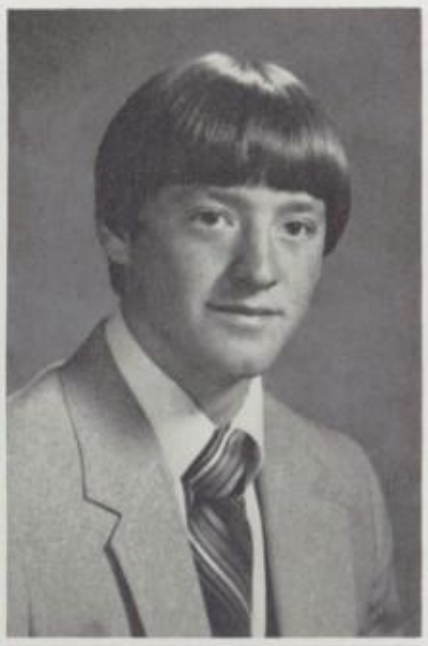

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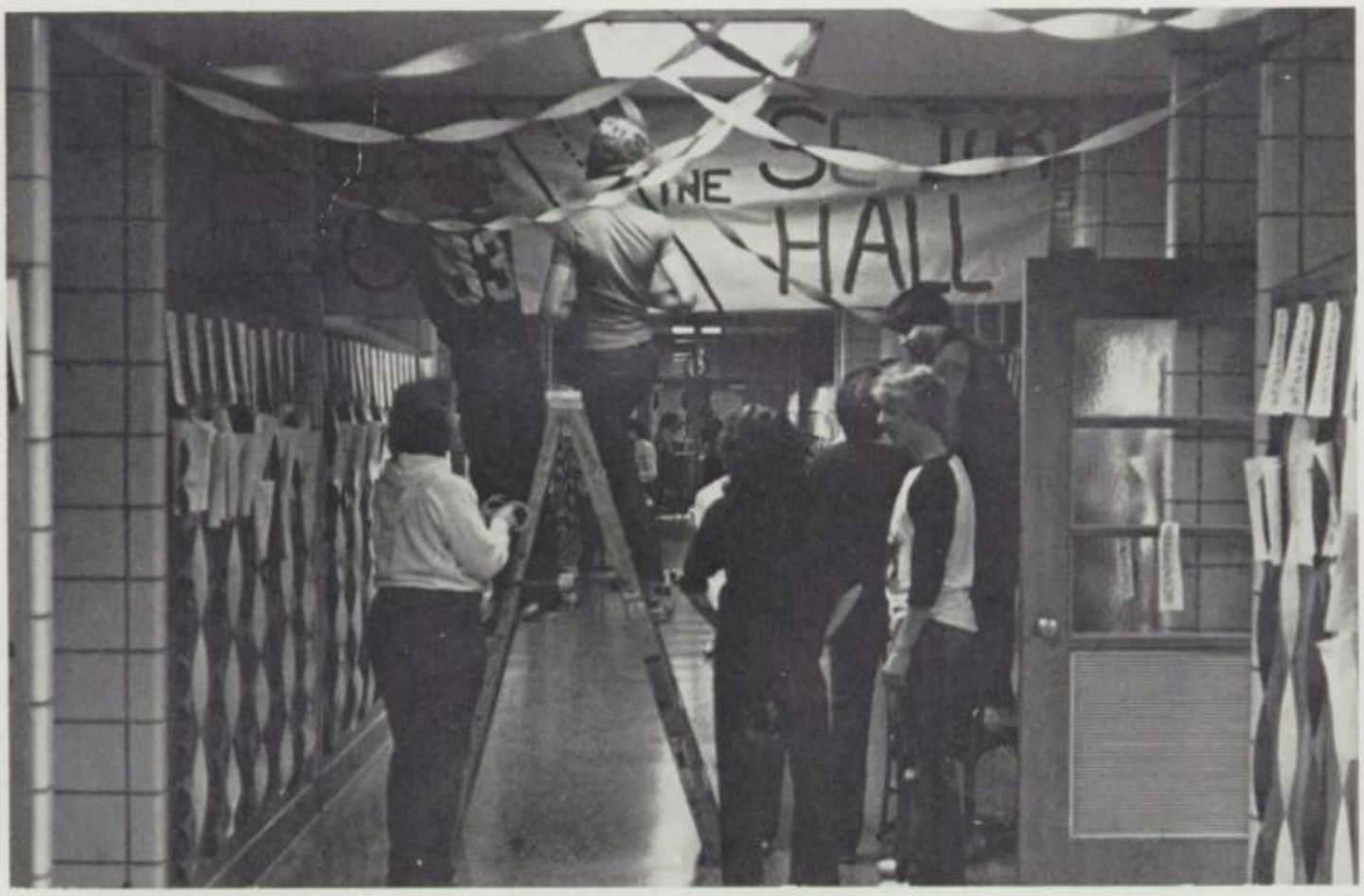
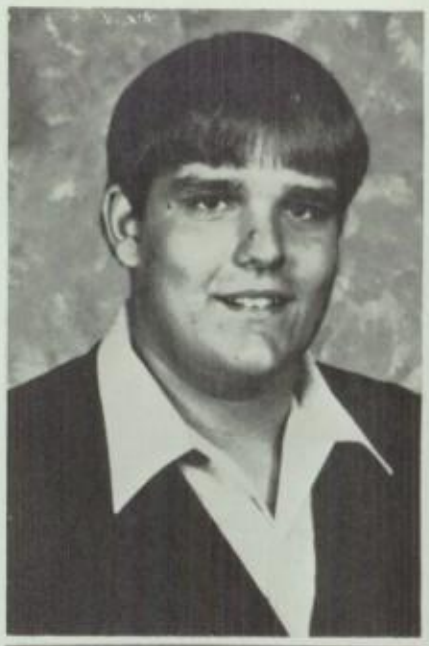


Taking a lot of time to decorate the senior hall for spirit week, many seniors help contribute to the cause in cheering the boys' basketball team on to a victory. Signs, flyers, and posters of "Baginawa" seemed to swarm the school as it helped to psych up the whole student body for the big game. All of the hard work payed off as we were able to "Baginawa" the St. Henry Redskins.

Getting ready to jam to the music of "Justus", Boy Scout Sherry Rupert (center) cheerfully escorts two dirty old men, Carol Klaus and Elise Mueller, to their last high school Halloween Dance.



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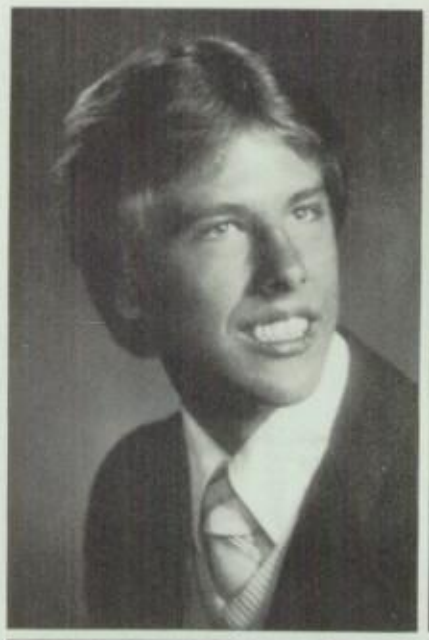

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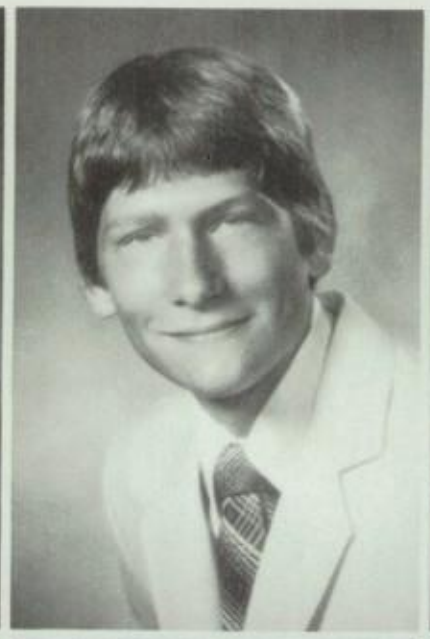

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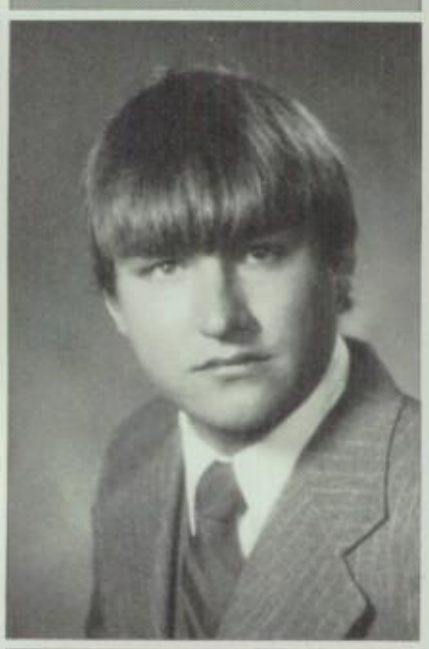

Michael L. Metzner

With a skill that earned him the position of head of construction in the senior class play, "The Wiz", Jim Grothouse, with help from Kevin Ricker, begins one of the large boxes to be used as background scenery.

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Joseph A. Niedecken
Rodney J. Niemeyer
Jon C. Obermeyer

Jeffery T. Osting
Kevin T. Pohlman
Randal R. Pohlman
Steven T. Pohlman

Lisa M. Meyer
Christopher J. Recker
Mary A. Reindel
Kevin L. Ricker
Marcia K. Rode

Michael G. Moenter
Sheryl R. Rohrbacher
Alison L. Rose
Kim D. Rupert
Sharon R. Rupert

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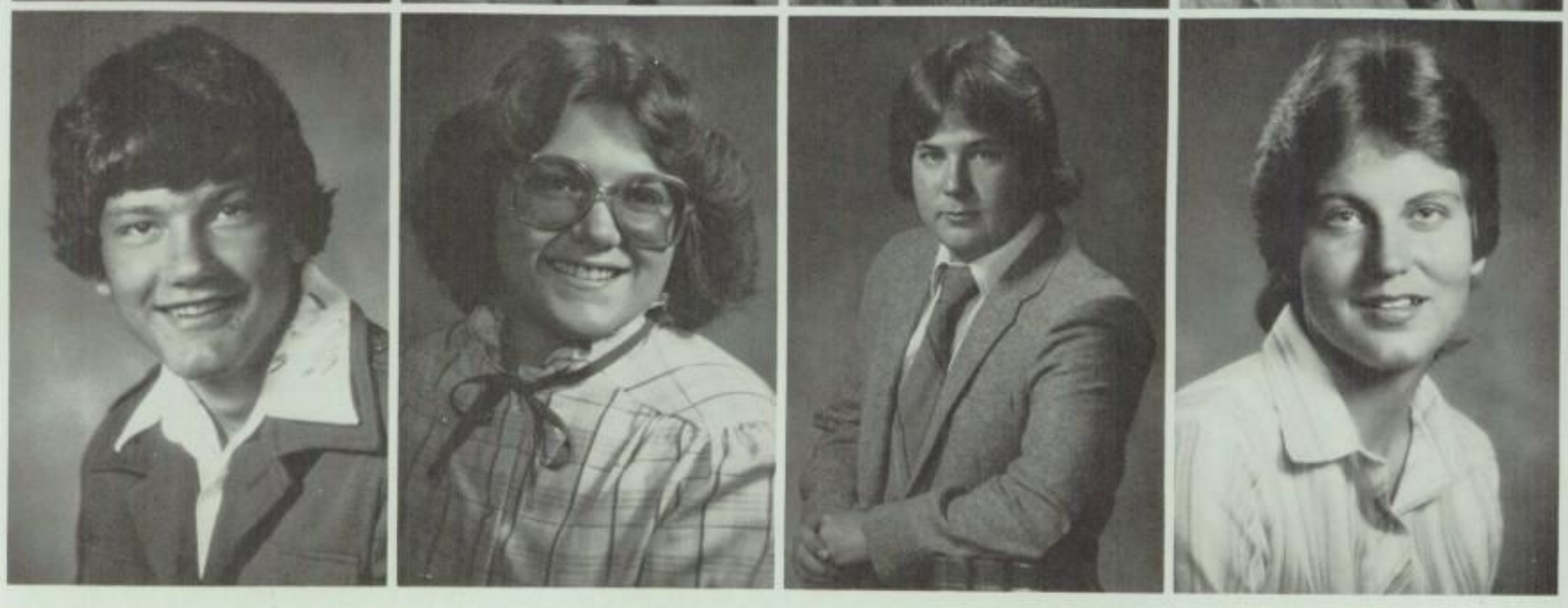
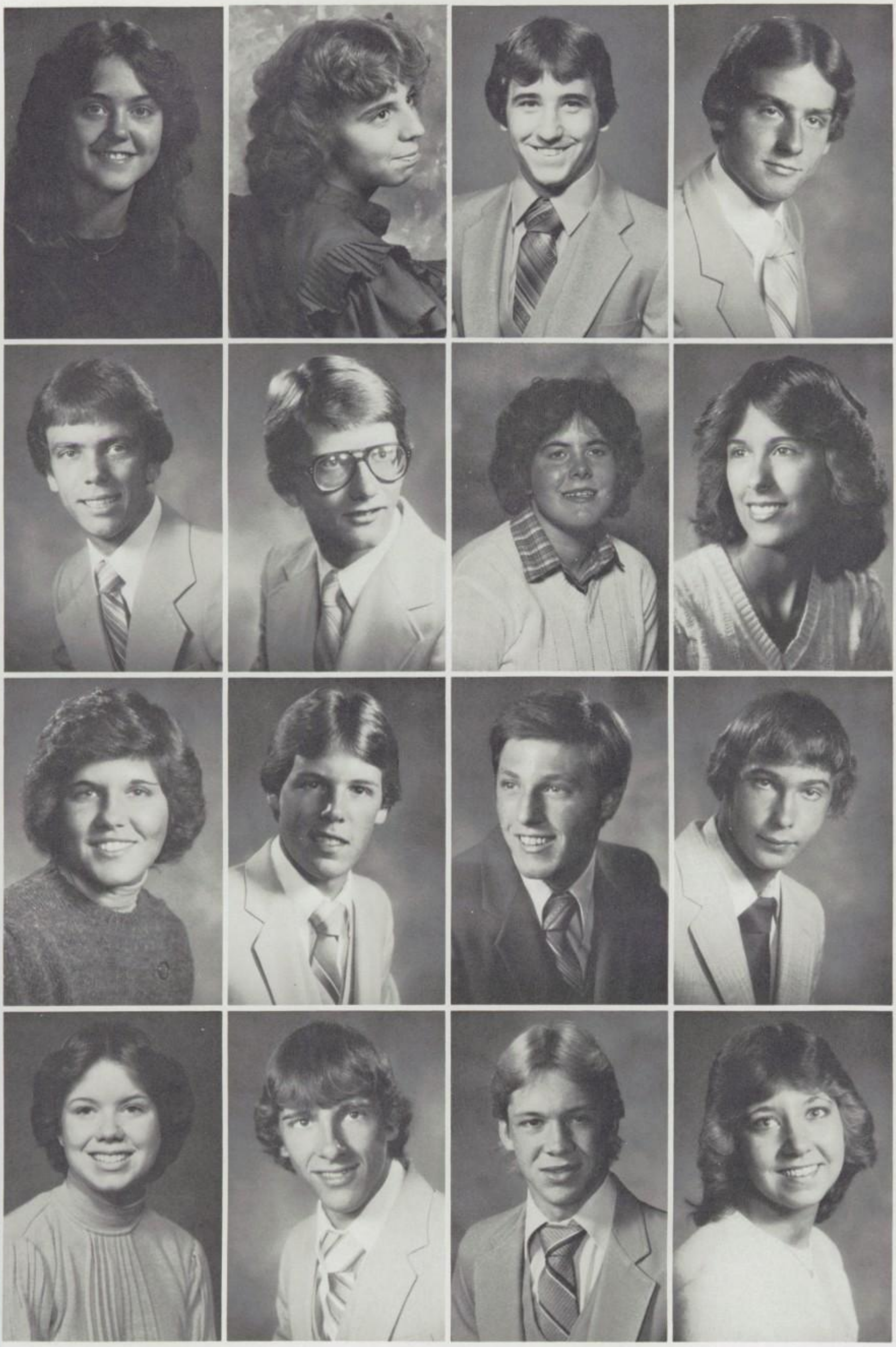


Senior Student Council members: Jeff Osting, Carol Kleman, Matt Burnett, Greg Williams, Julie Clark, Erin Mcredmond, Quint Haunhorst, Carolyn Wieging and Kevin Dickrede attempt to make the annual Student Council Play a very successful one.



Joy A. Suever
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Thomas Suever

Kevin C. Trentman
Robert A. Verhoff
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Debra S. Wiechart

Carolyn S. Wieging
Gregory J. Williams
Jeffrey J. Williams
Joseph N. Wittler

Barbara A. Wrasman
Nicholas J. Wrasman
Michael F. Youngpeter
Susan E. Youngpeter

As the tornado (Linda Bergfeld) dances on the roof, she transports Dorothy to Oz as the rain Lisa Geier, Elise Mueller and Kelly Suever assist in the task.

Dorothy (Beth Kaskel) listens carefully to her Aunt Em (Lisa Meyer) as she tries to comfort Dorothy into not losing "The Feeling We Once Had" in the opening scene of the play.

What A Way To Go Baby!

y: Elise Mueller

It all started in the gym at noon hour one eptember day. Mr. McRedmond approached he senior section and announced that they ould be performing "The Wiz" on May 4, 5, and 7. The excitement grew as they started ancing rehearsals with Cindy Ricker in No- ember. Before they knew it, all the tryouts ere starting. First was dancing. Everyone as a little bit tense at first, but realized that it wasn't so bad. Then came acting. This wasn't bad at all, yet everyone was still in suspense as to who would be chosen for the leads. Finally it came time to sing. No one was really thrilled about having to sing the song "Home", since it was unfamiliar to them at the time. They all managed to get through it though . . . but only to find that no one was loud enough; so they all had to go through it again. Great!!!

Well, at least it was over with for now. All everyone had to do was sit and wait to see who the lucky ones would be. They anticipated who they felt were the best, yet no one really knew for sure who Mr. Gunder, Mr. McRedmond and Mrs. Schmit would pick.

The big day finally came and everyone was nervous. Elise Mueller was chosen to be Glinda, Barb Wrasman was Addapearl, Lisa Meyer was Evileen and Aunt Em, Paul Hale was the Lion, Carol Kleman was the Tinman, Jenn Heitmeyer was the Scarecrow, Mike Metzner was the Wiz, and Beth Kaskel drew the starring role of Dorothy.

he Tinman (Carol Kleman) asks Dorothy (Beth Kaskel) "Slide Some Oil To Me" so it will be able to move again. he Scarecrow (Jenn Heitmeyer) looks on amazed.

Addapearl (Barb Wrasman) takes a swig of lemon juice during singing warm ups to insure she makes it clear to Dorothy that she better go see "The Wiz".

After carefully applying her stage makeup, Kelly Suever puts on the final touches so that she looks her best for the performance.

The Wiz

All of these people were very excited and in a state of disbelief. Now the hard work was to start. The leads practiced their blocking in Mr. Gunder's room countless nights. The chorus practiced their dancing during the week and all afternoon on Sundays. The props discussed what they would be needing. Not to mention all the singing that was being done in the band room with Mrs. Schmit. Finally, the day came where they all gathered together in the gym to see what they could come up with.

They worked and worked and worked until it just seemed to drag on. Finally the costumes came in from Chicago and that really got everyone psyched up and ready to go again. Finally, after all the dress rehearsals, the high school show and the grade school shows; the Seniors were ready to present "The Wiz" to a paying audience.

Opening Night went great! Everyone was nervous but relaxed when the audience reacted with applause.

Friday night everyone was really excited about doing the show. They jammed in the music room to "Billy Jean" and "Fame" while standing on desks shaking instruments as well as a couple of other things. Overdosing on lemon juice and cough drops seemed to bring out the best in everyone's voices too.

Some things might have gone wrong, like the props taking out logs on the wrong scene, Dorothy forgetting to pick up her shoes, Evileen getting a mouthful of glitter, the mask in the Wiz's scene almost falling, getting locked out of the locker room and Matt Burnett getting his costume pinned together and being late for his Quadling scene. Yet all in all it sure was a Wonderful Wiz.

So many memories were left behind. The leads and section heads trip to The Heritage House in Fort Wayne and going out in the van afterwards, Stephanie Mills wishing them good luck, the little girl crying because she wanted to touch the Lion's mane, the munchkins hitch hiking on 2nd Street and everyone getting a big lump in their throats as Dorothy sang "Home" on Closing Night.

They had so much fun doing the play and no one will forget the closeness and unity that everyone felt as they worked together to make the play the success that it was. It was their Senior year and what a way to go!

After being summoned by her wickedness, Evileen, the winged-monkey (Matt Burnett) awaits for his instructions from the wicked witch of the east.

Becoming a munchkin is not an easy task as shown here by Deanne Kaverman, Sue Metzger, Theresa Laudick and Karen Kimmet.

Playing a couple of quick hands of cards helps these members of prop and tech crews pass the time between their different scene changes.

"If You Believe" the Wiz (Mike Metzner) tells Tinman (Carol Kleman), Lion (Paul Hale), Dorothy (Beth Kaskel), and Scarecrow (Jenn Heitmeyer) dreams come true. Beth was the winner of the annual Director's Award.

Showing her enthusiasm before a performance of the play, Sherry Rupert decides to shake it up and get a little bit rowdy.

Scarecrow (Jenn Heitmeyer) explains to crows Deanna Kaverman, Deb Weichart and Alison Rose that "I Was Born On The Day Before Yesterday".

Give Us A Break

By: Elise Mueller

The Seniors once again took their annual class trip up to Sandusky to let loose at Cedar Point for a day. On May 23rd everybody piled in the buses early to get good seats, preferably the back seats. They dragged on coolers, sacks, food and extra clothes; ready for anything, being it rain or shine.

Early in the morning they arrived and the weather was great. Everyone then grabbed their close friends and took off. Some spent the day eating, others tried to win prizes on the many games around, while most of them just rode all the rides they possibly could. Some even attempted to go on the dreaded "Demon Drop", Cedar Point's new ride; that is while it was still working.

After a tiring day the Seniors loaded back in the buses with their taffy, cotton candy, T-shirts, souvenirs and even three unexpected dead fish. It was a long day and everyone was ready to return to a quiet Delphos.

All in all, everyone seemed to have a great day. A day that was definitely needed to get away from the hustle and bustle of a busy school life. They sure did need a break though, mainly because the next day it was back to school for final exams.

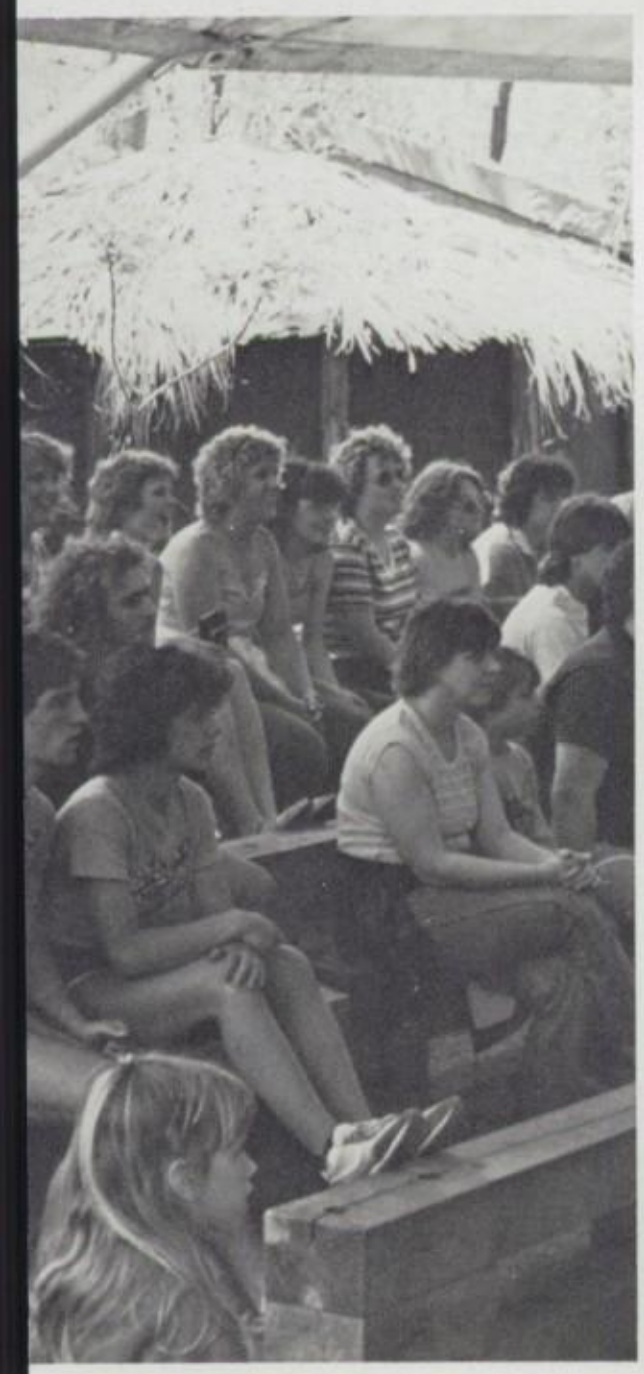
As Lisa Baldauf peers over at an exhausted pair, Lisa Meyer and Laura Kroeger show how rough a whole day at Cedar Point can really be.

Showing the consentration that it takes to play miniature golf, Mark Bridges attempts to make a perfect putt a Steve Heiing looks on at his opponent.

Giving all of their attention to watching a pony show some of the Seniors enjoy one of the many fun things th you are able to do at Cedar Point.

Stopping off at the refreshment stand, Kevin Pohlman, Charlie Luersman, Pam Gerdeman, Nick Wrasman and Joy Suever take a quick lunch break before heading off to another ride.

While walking through the midway, Rob Verhoff, Peggy Wauben, John Hickey and Carol Kleman stop for an afternoon snack as they discuss what do do next.



The expressions on the faces of Tom Suever, Kevin Decker, Mike Metzner and Jon Obermeyer show how refreshing a log ride can be in the afternoon.

A TASTE OF SUCCESS

By: Elise Mueller

What a year! No one would ever have dreamt the first day of school that this would have been one of the most successful years academically and of course athletically at St. John's High School.

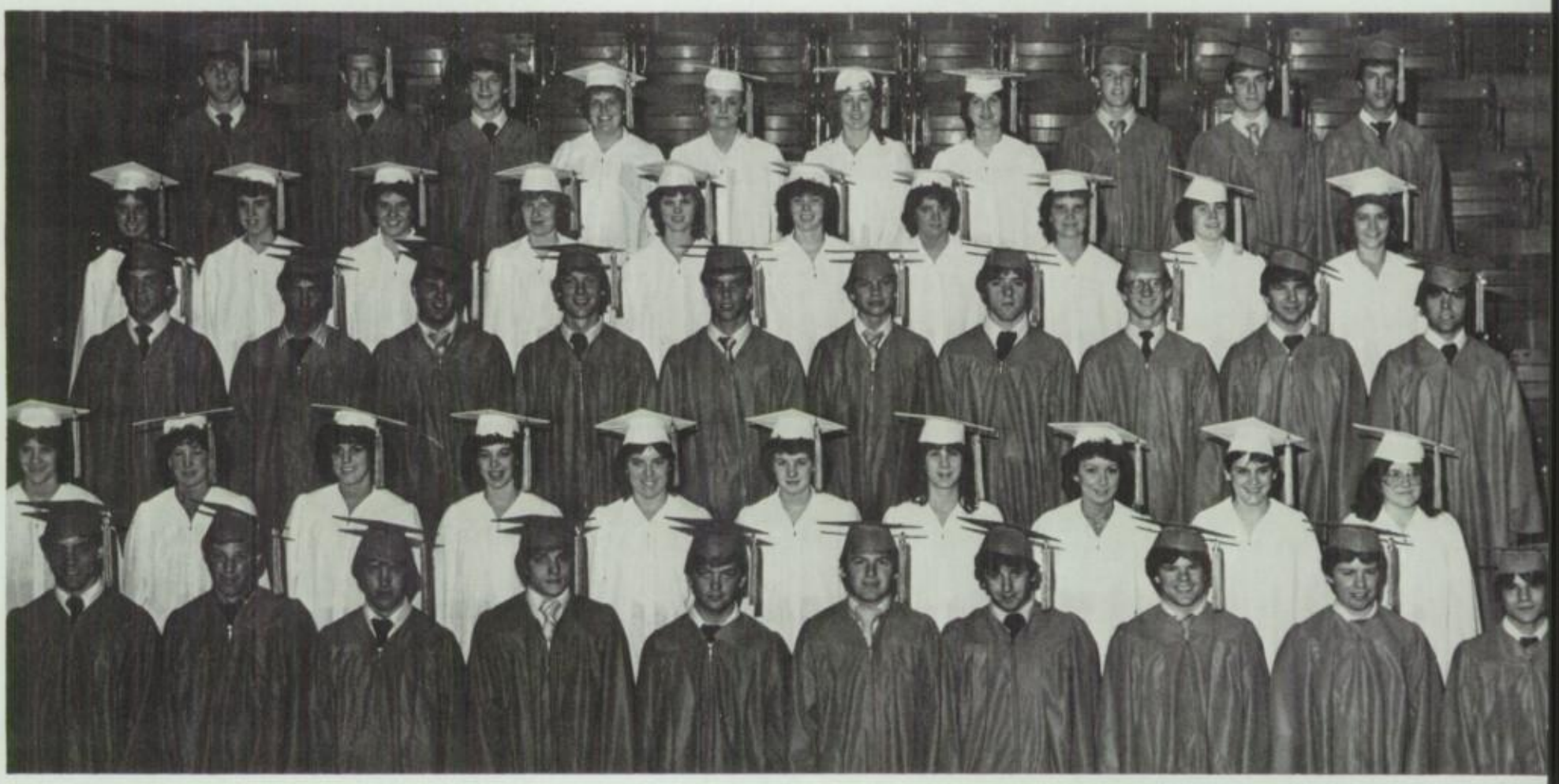
The Seniors ended their four years the way every Senior Class wants to; clear up at the top. Would you believe the football team made an overwhelming comeback, the girls' basketball team went to State, the boys' basketball team was State Champs, two senior wrestlers went to State, the chemistry bowl team won the Chemistry Bowl for the first time and together as a class they had a very successful Senior Play. The Seniors really showed great leadership.

Everything seemed to go the Seniors' way during the year. They had everything going for them and they wanted it all. They sure did get far too!

On graduation day they were very proud to be members of the class of '83: a class that will not soon be forgotten. On May 29 it was finally the Seniors' big day. As they walked over to Church to celebrate mass together their feelings were indescribable. Everyone seemed to make a fuss over them; it was their day to be important.

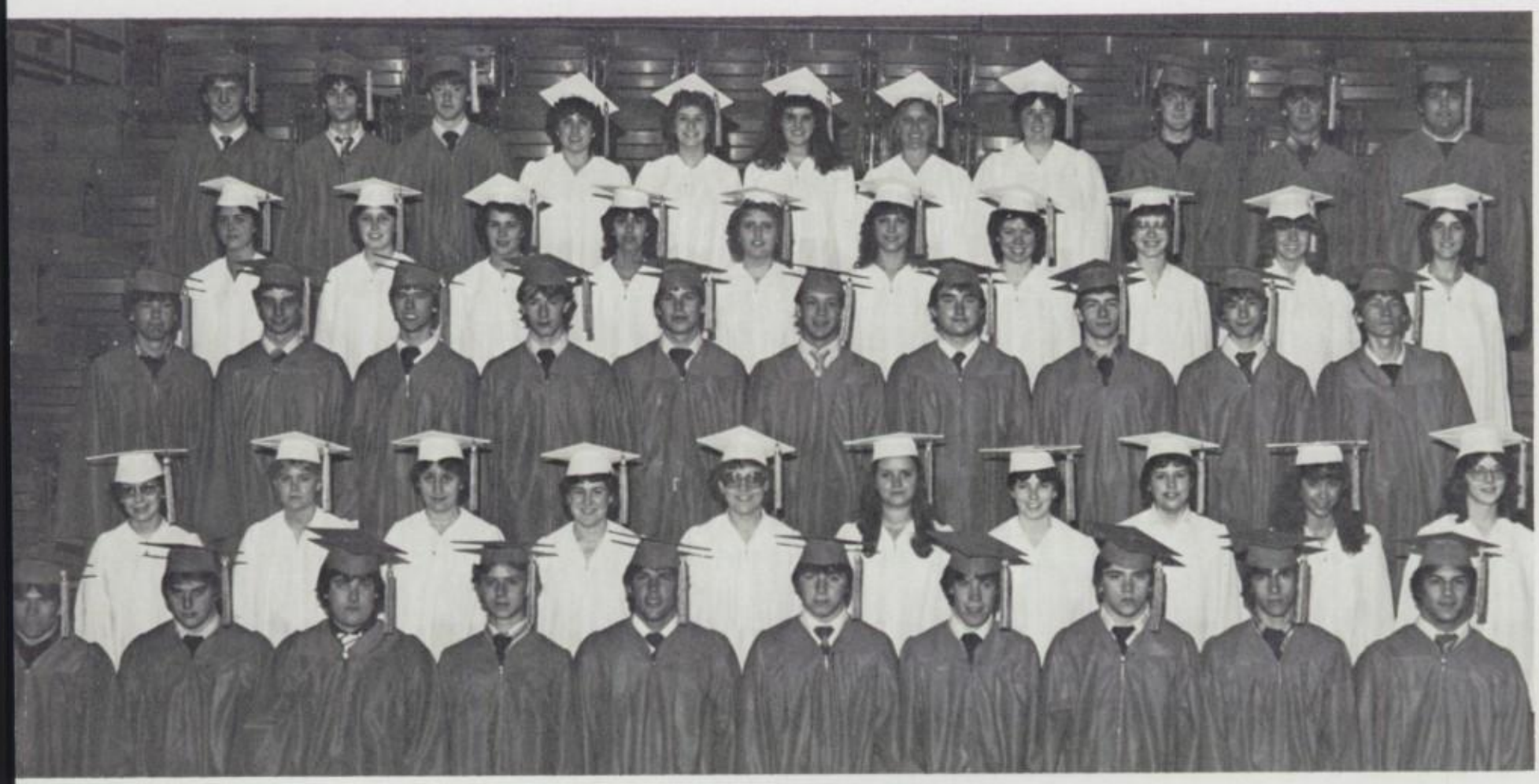
While hearing all of the speeches at the Commencement Exercises everyone was affected differently. Listening to the speeches by the top four Senior students in the class seemed to touch all of the graduates. They talked about the class, their past and their future. Finally they realized it was all going to be over in a very short time . Where did all the time go?

When they received their diplomas every one for once was all on the same level. No one was better than anyone else; they were all receiving the same award — their High School diploma.

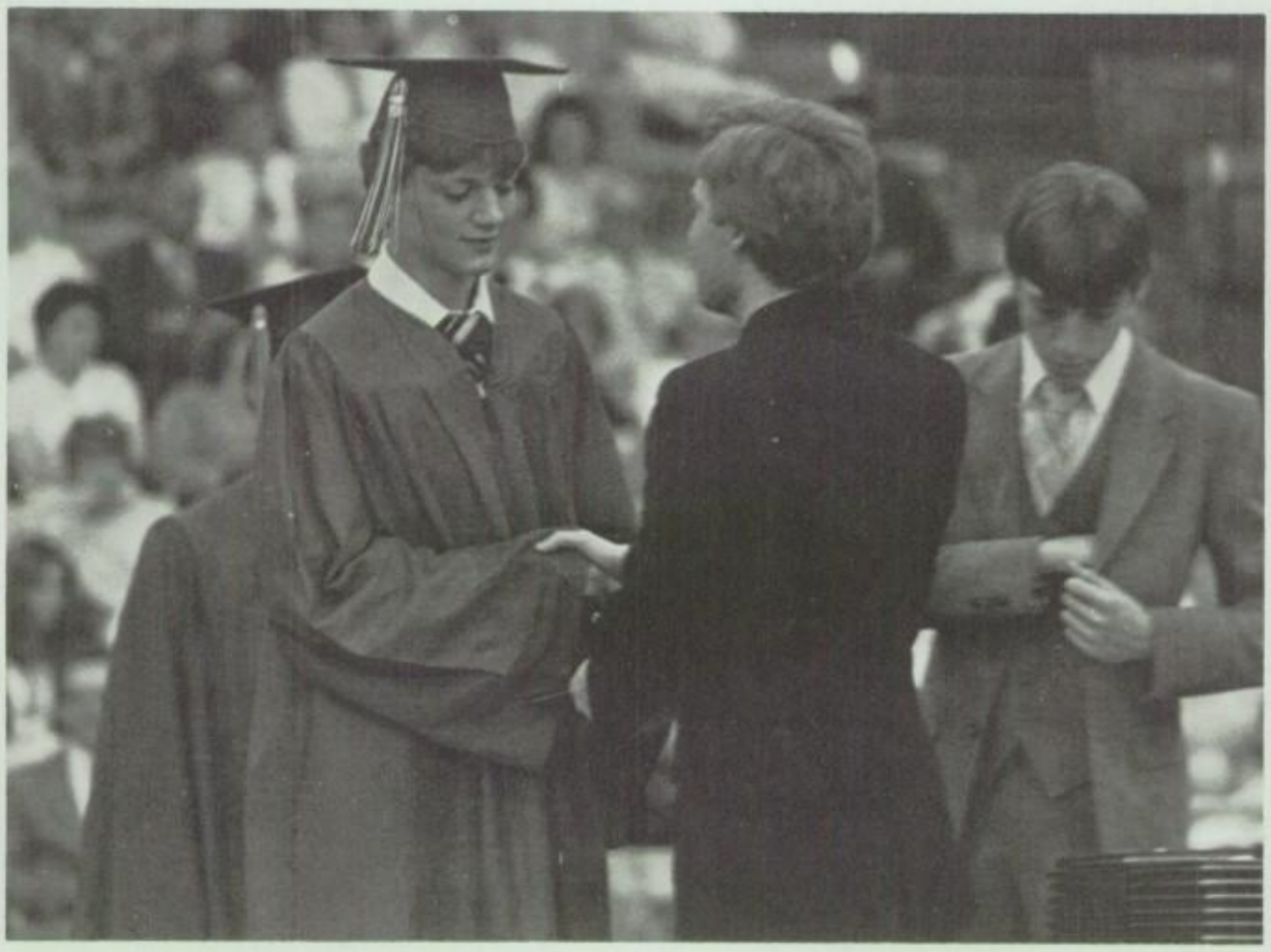


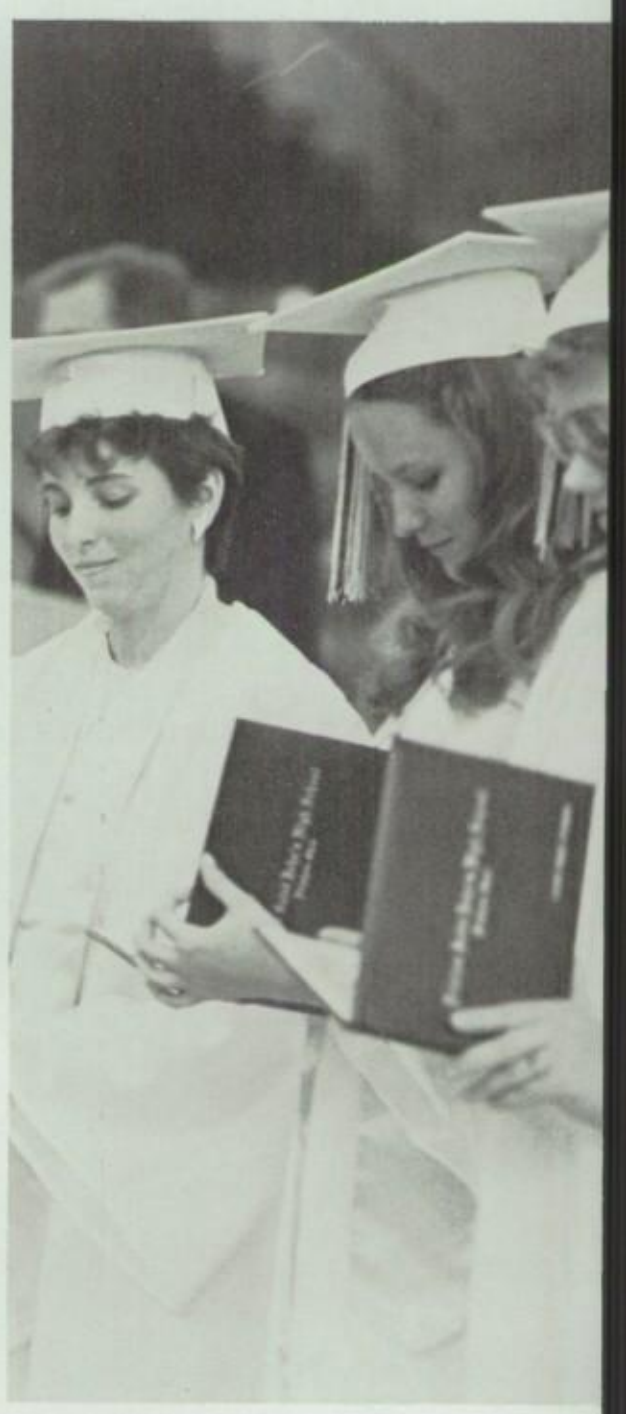
Three of the top four students in the senior class, Joy Suever, Joe Niedecken and Sue Youngpeter listen attentively to the advice Mr. Adams gives to them while in his office.

Members of the class of 1983 were: Row 1 R: Quint J. Haunhorst, Jeffrey J. Williams, hn P. Hickey, Rodney J. Niemeyer, Michael Moenter, Christopher C. Kill, Matthew F. ever, Mark J. Bridges, Duane E. Schulte, hn R. Gengler, John J. Bonifas, Stephen E. iing, Charles Stant, Kevin L. Ricker, Jonhon L. McNutt, Daniel J. Lindeman, Dennis Berelsman, Christopher J. Recker, Nicholas Wrasman, Matthew A. Burnett. Row 2: ann K. Butler, Christine M. Kistler, Linda rgfeld, Julie K. Grone, Pamela J. Gerdeman, enda S. Backus, Deanne M. Kaverman, Elizeth L. Maloney, Leane C. Schlagbaum, Sally Spring, Patricia J. Lause, Alison L. Rose, Sharon R. Rupert, Susan A. Metzger, Laura H. Kroeger, Erin M. McRedmond, Karen S. Kimmet, Diane E. Hirn, Elise D. Mueller, Kim D. Rupert. Row 3: William J. Humpert, Joseph N. Wittler, Charles A. Klausing, Kevin G. Dickrede, Kevin C. Trentman, Dean F. Fischer, Kevin E. Buettner, Robert A. Verhoff, Kevin T. Pohlman, Shawn D. Blankemeyer, Frederick L. Siefker, Randal R. Pohlman, Charles L. Luersman, Frank Mertelsmann, James P. Gordon, Michael F. Youngpeter, Michael L. Metzner, Joseph A. Niedecken, Scott D. Kunz, Jerry A. Mace. Row 4: Theresa M. Laudick, Kelly J. Suever, Carolyn S. Wieging, Beth L. Kaskel, Nancy J. Holdgreve, Mary A. Reindel, Laurie K. Grone, Carolyn M. Klaus, Peggy A. Wauben, Tracey M. Hines, Joy A. Suever, Carol M. Kleman, Lisa A. Geier, Debra S. Wiechart, Anke E. Hoffmann, Lisa A. Baldauf, Barbara A. Wrasman, Julie M. Clark, Susan E. Youngpeter, Lisa M. Meyer. Row 5: Steven T. Pohlman, Neal J. Dobner, Mark W. Kroeger, Marcia K. Rode, Lisa A. Lange, Karen A. Dickrede, Mary Ann Stemen, Gregory J. Williams, Thomas Suever, Jefferey T. Osting, Mark J. Buettner, Jon C. Obermeyer, Daniel F. Geise, Sheryl R. Rohrbacher, Jennifer L. Heitmeyer, Jean M. Ditto, Amy M. Schwinnen, Amy M. Shumaker, John P. Bockey, James T. Grothouse, Paul D. Hale.



As everyone listens to encouraging words Carol Kleman gives her class on graduation day, they wonder what their future will bring. Carol was honored as being one of the top four students in the senior class.





With a shake of the hand, Mark Kroeger eagerly accepts his High School diploma from Father Sidner with great pride. The Commencement Exercises began at 3:00 in the gym after the mass at 1:45.

Looking closely at their accomplishment Karen Kimmet, Erin McRedmond and Laura Kroeger smile to themselves as they think about their future plans and where it will lead them.

A TASTE OF SUCCESS

As the graduates left the gym some were all smiles while others had tears in their eyes as they exchanged hugs with their classmates. Graduation meant something different to everyone, yet to all of them it was not the end, it was just the beginning to everyones' dream about what the future will bring.

No one will ever be able to take away all the good times the class of '83 had together. To them there could not have been any other way to end four great years than at the top. Yet it was their Senior Year, what else could they have done?

dding a special touch to Carolyn Wieging's honor stoll, e Youngpeter wants to make sure that her friend looks r very best for the Commencement Exercises on Gradu- on Day.

hile shedding a few tears on Graduation Day, the emo- nal side of Amy Schwinnen realizes that this is going to the last time that they are all together as a class.

Proudly accepting her diploma from Fr. Sidner, Laura Krendl is determined to make it to Graduation even though she is recovering from surgery.

er marching over to Church from school, these senior s wait in line patiently. The Seniors are preparing to celebrate mass together for the last time as a Senior Class.

Bringing a little Christmas cheer to the first and second graders, these FTA members present the play, "The Witch Who Stole Christmas."

BAKE SALES & JEAN DAYS

Belonging in an organization was a special privilege for the students at St. John's. The members held greater responsibilities and achieved many accomplishments. Just being in an organization gave the students an opportunity to direct their ideas and talents towards something more constructive. They set their goals to benefit the school and the community. So they sponsored bake sales, jean days, car washes, dances, study days, recycling and provided the football crowds with the entertainment during the halftimes.

Each group had their own special work or goal to reach by the end of the year, so they set out in the beginning and accomplished that task. For some it was trying to keep enough money in the bank for the next years seniors or for others it was just trying to keep enough for this year. Every organization's goal was to make the year a little more surprising for the students, like Student Council sponsoring a car smash, or Yearbook sponsoring a Family Feud between the homerooms.

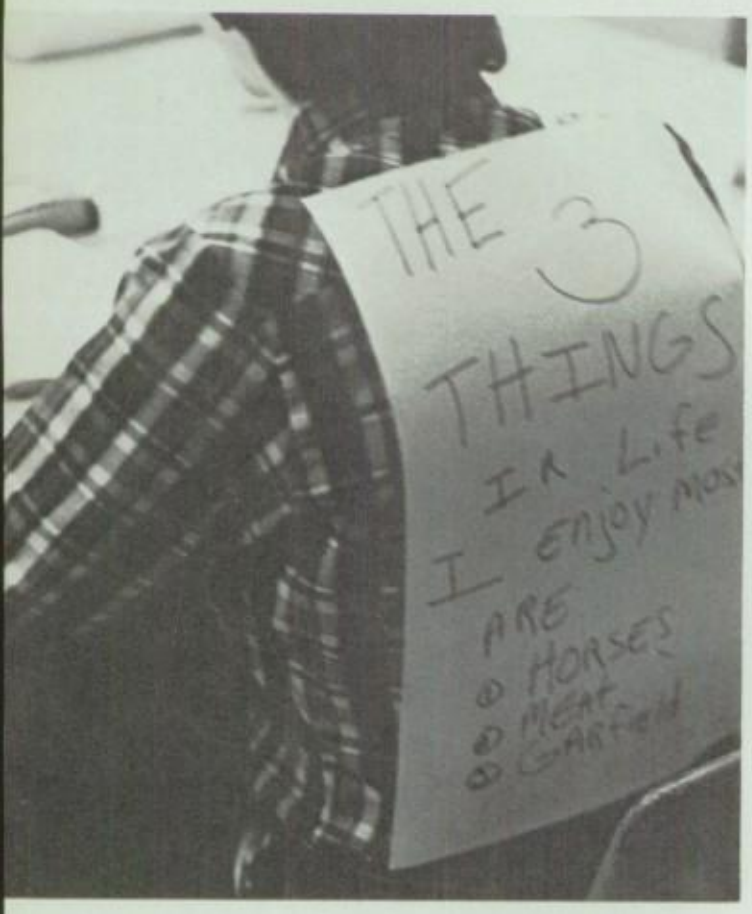
It's to these organizations that we can thank for some of the pleasantly surprising things that took place this year at school. By: The Editors

Drawing up a layout, Katrina Weber learns how much it takes to make a really successful yearbook.

Encouraged by the bright lights and the excitement in the crowd, drum major Jean Ditto directs the band during the half time show which includes the song, "Oklahoma."

Student Council members Dave Griffis and Larry Deiting are caught collecting money from Joy Suever for herself and date Nick Wrasman.

Traditionally Halloween does strange things to people and here the tradition continues as Paula Martz is transformed from a student to a teacher.



Slave day hit some harder than others as Mike Fortener's personal preferences are revealed to the public.

When bargaining for slaves the truth is revealed as Matt Burnett and Greg Williams discuss the private life of soon-to-be slave Jennifer Heitmeyer.

aking their turns at the car smash are Paul Hale and uge Grothouse as Mark Graham keeps a close eye on the ction.

HIGH SCHOOL POLITICS

By: Linda Shenk

WHO: *Our 1983 Student Council consisted of President Joe Niedecken, Class Presidents Matt Burnett, Amy Mueller, Teresa Stocklin, Steve Fortener as well as eight representatives from each class.*

WHAT: *Student Council representatives have a voice in what gets done in Saint John's High School. They held slave day, jean days, bake sales and car washes. The money went towards sponsoring Homecoming, Spring Formal, and other dances throughout the year.*

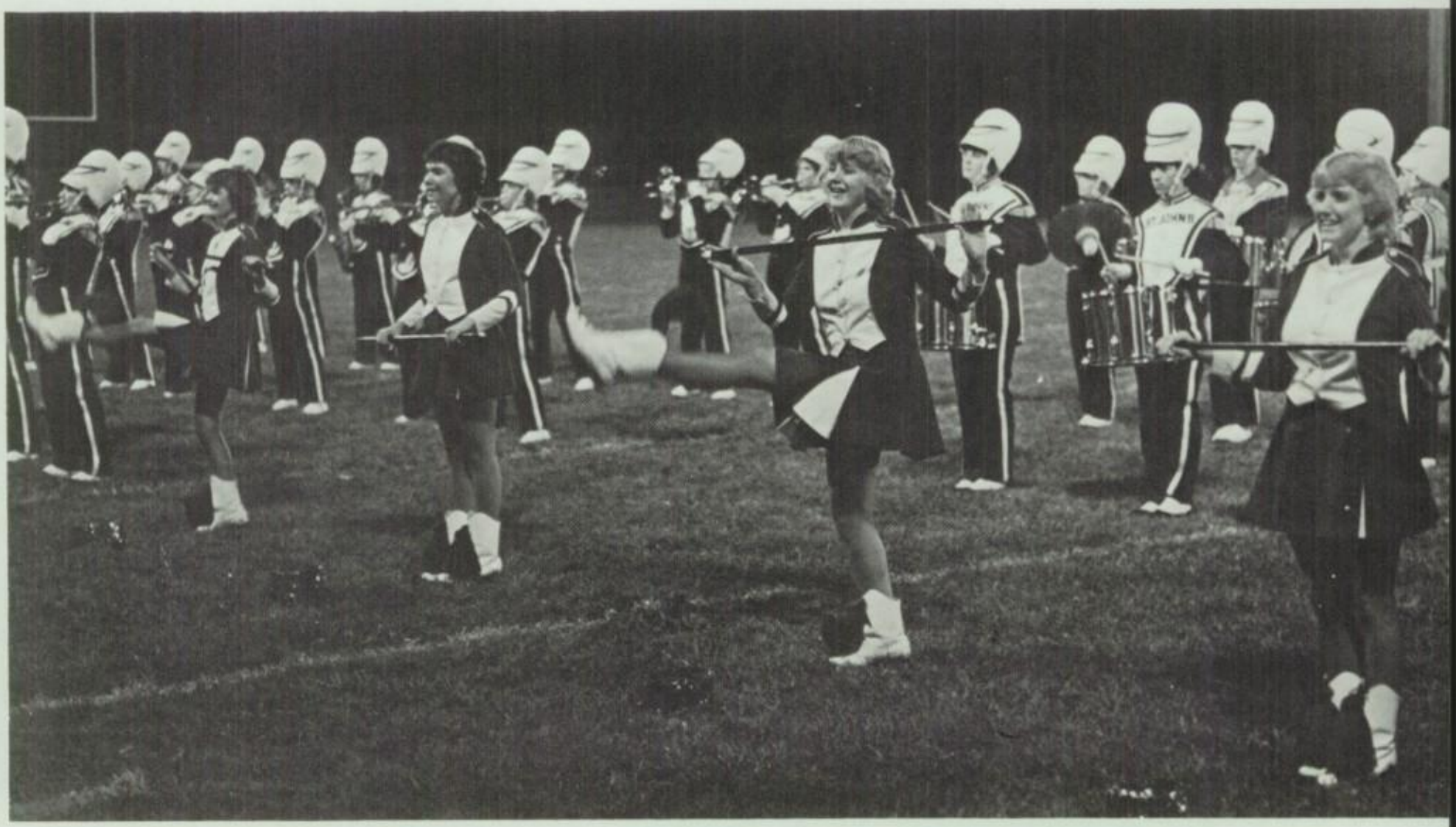
WHY: *President Joe Niedecken said he did it because "I wanted to take a more active part in what goes on in the school and I thought I could do a good job as President."*

WHEN: *Meetings were held during school hours. However the responsibility of a Student Council member never ends.*

WHERE: *Dances and slave day took place in the gym, car washes on the grade school playground, and most of their meetings convened in the library.*

With her mouth wide open, as usual, Amy Schwinnen and Deb Wiechart make a great couple at the Halloween dance.

Strutting their stuff during the half-time show are majorettes Lanna Smith, Jane Wittler, Teresa Stocklin and Sandy Utrup.



THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

WHO The 65 member 1982 Delphos Saint John's Marching Band.

WHAT Showed the crowds what entertainment is all about.

WHY Jennifer Heitmeyer did it, "Because it's a great feeling of accomplishment when you put on a great show after a week of frustrating practices."

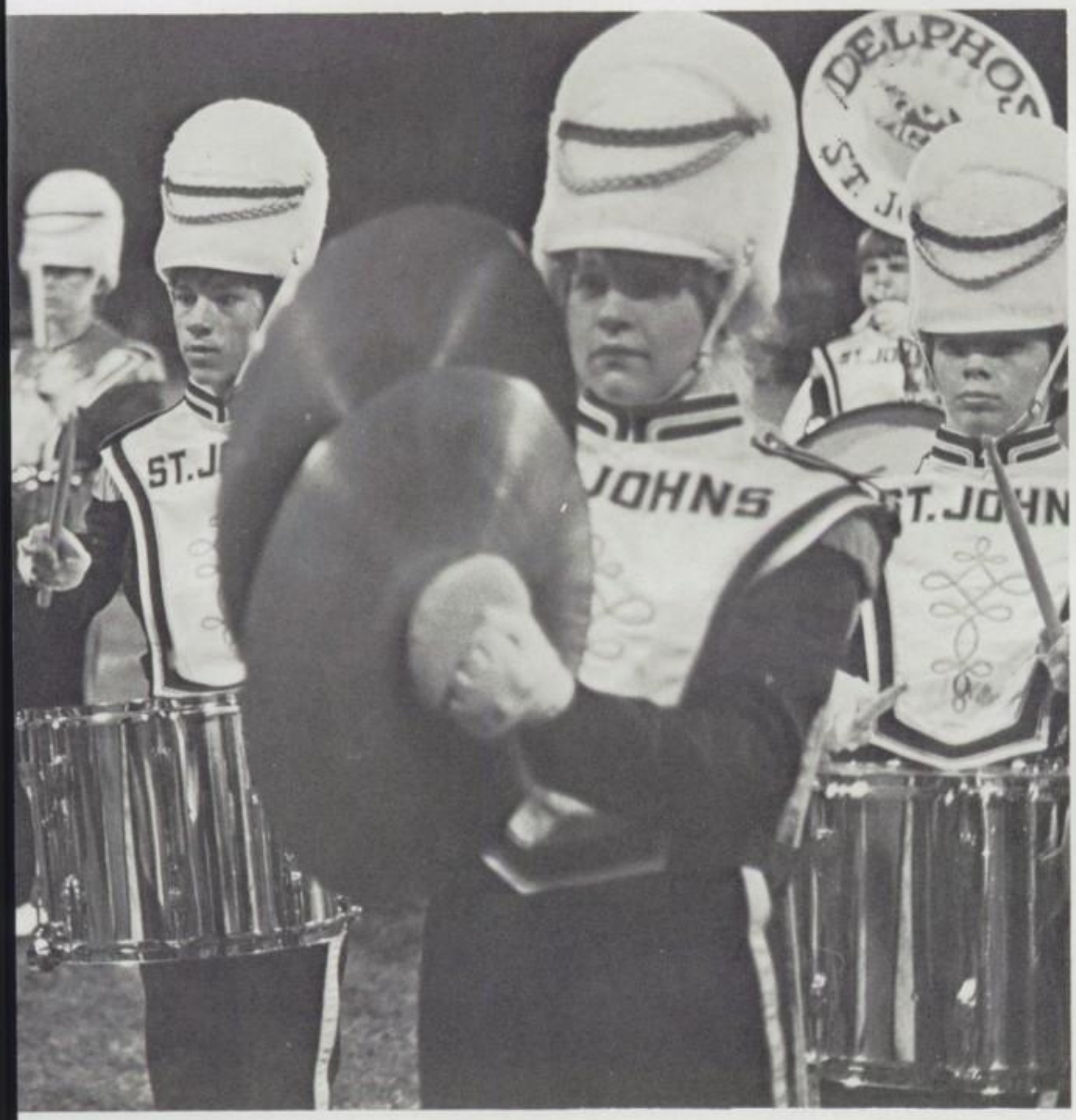
WHEN The band performed during half-time of every football game as well as after every time our team scored.

WHERE Practices were held behind school in the grass field every week day, from three til four. But for the real thing, the band traveled to football games both home and away.

by Linda Shenk

Helping to keep the beat for the band are percussionists Dave Vasquez, Lisa Pohlman and Steve Etzkorn.

Dramatically finishing the drill with "Tomorrow" drum major Jean Ditto gives the band the final cut off.



Marching in summer band camp, Julie Clark shows the kind of dedication it takes to be a band member.

With a demand for perfection, band director Rose Mary Warnecke ends a show only to . . . "Do it again!"

Before marching at the game, Linda Bergfeld takes time out to rest.

Adding spice to the pep assemblies, the pep band plays the school song to the delight of our student body.

With great determination, Mrs. Warnecke conducts the band in a concert given for all of Delphos to attend.

Junior pep band member, Cindy Berelsman, adds her own talent on "Here Comes the King," a crowd favorite, at a pep assembly.

A KEY TO SUCCESS

By: Ed Bielawski

WHO: *The 1983 St. John's band under the direction of the multi-talented Mrs. Rose Mary Warnecke.*

WHAT: *The band was made up of 64 student body members that consisted of 16 seniors, five juniors, 18 sophomores, and 25 freshmen.*

WHY: *Telling why she joined the band, Jenn Heitmeyer commented, "I am not an athletic person and I want to be a part of sports of St. John's. The band plays at basketball and football games, so this gives me a chance to be involved without actually playing a sport."*

WHERE: *The band practiced for long hard hours behind school and in the band room to perfect their musical talent for our ball games, whether on the field or in the gym.*

WHEN: *The band played for the pep assemblies, football and basketball games, and anywhere they were needed to entertain the fans. They also performed three concerts, participated in the district competition, (receiving a two for presentation and a one for sight reading) and taped a program for WLSR radio.*

Getting his drum to sing during the Christmas Concert, senior Charlie Luersman brings that added touch to the music.

Making last minute checks before the bus leaves for Parkway, Kim Rupert and her mom inspect uniforms as Cindy Suever, Lisa Miller, and Michelle Holden prepare to board the bus.

Teamwork pays off as Julie Giesken, Elise Mueller and Roxann Markward pull it together to make the deadline on time.

Looking over the '82 Crest are this years yearbook members Kevin Trentman, Scott Wellmann, and Steve Pohlman.

THE CREST TEAM

WHO The 1983 yearbook staff consisted of 16 people; five seniors and 11 juniors.

WHAT The yearbook staff's job is to put together all our memories for the enjoyment of all.

WHY Our staff was put together so all of us may look back in future years and see how times have changed.

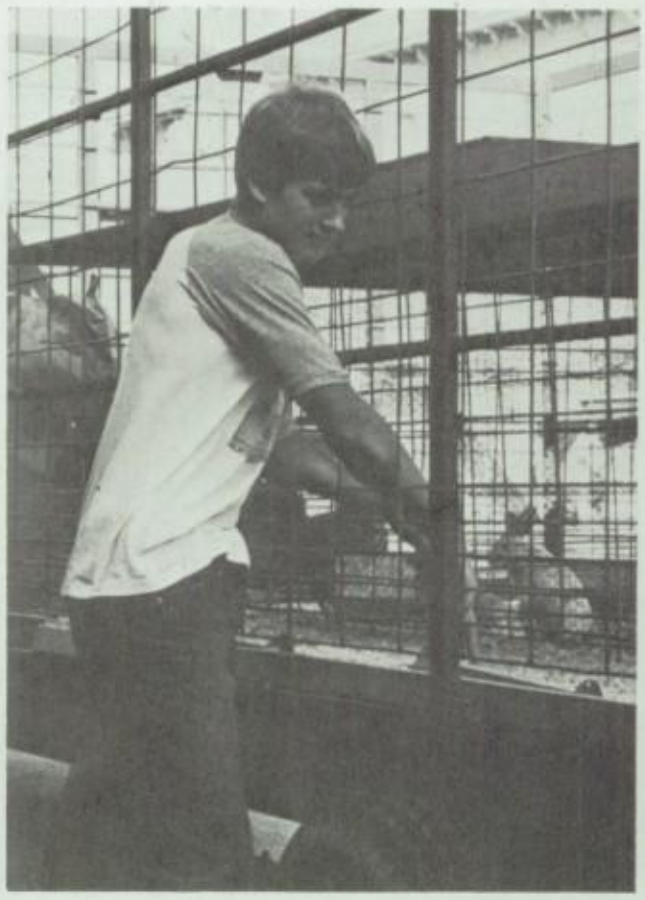
WHEN The staff works all year long and one month into the summer so our book is up to date.

WHERE The staff's working area is in Mr. McRedmond's room, or anywhere there is a school activity.

by Ed Bielawski

Drawing up lay-outs is only part of Katrina Weber's job on the yearbook staff.

Finally seeing their hard work being published are yearbook members Jenn Heitmeyer, Sue Metzger, Barb Wrasman, Deb Wiechart and Amy Mueller.



Raising rabbits can be a great responsibility, but for junior FFA member Tim Reindel, feeding them is a snap.

Part of a farmer's day consists of feeding the hogs as Kevin Pohlman well knows. Kevin was a senior member in FFA.

Junior FFA members Glenn Pohlman and Jerry Wrasman get ready for a long, hot day in the fields.

Because it is alot cheaper, Todd Gable (a sophomore FFA member) grinds his own grain.

Farming — Their Business

WHO: The FFA consists of freshmen, 6 sophomores, 9 juniors and 8 seniors who hold meetings to go to classes on farming and competition in fairs all across Ohio.

WHAT: The FFA is made up of young farmers from the Tri-county area who are living and learning about farming in the best way possible. They are right out there working and benefitting from the FFA by going to fairs and showing the reap of their harvest in hopes of winning an award.

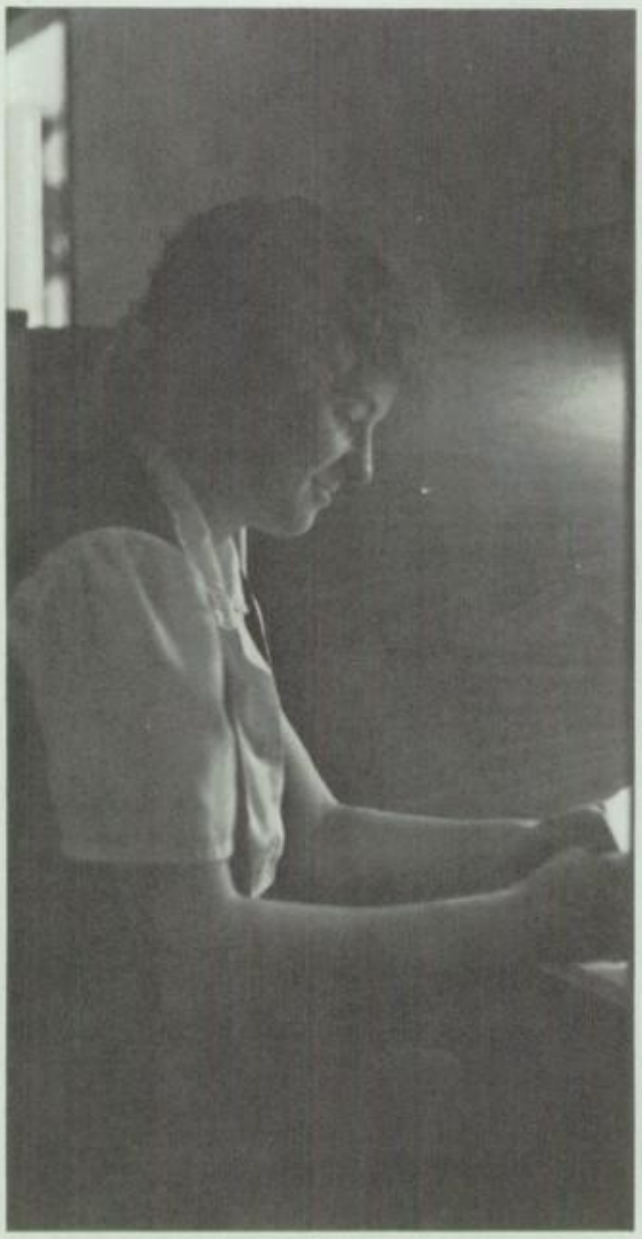
WHERE: The FFA met every school day at the Jefferson Training Center but the work did not stop there. There were many long hours of fairs and shows in which the members competed in and showed what they had learned from the FFA.

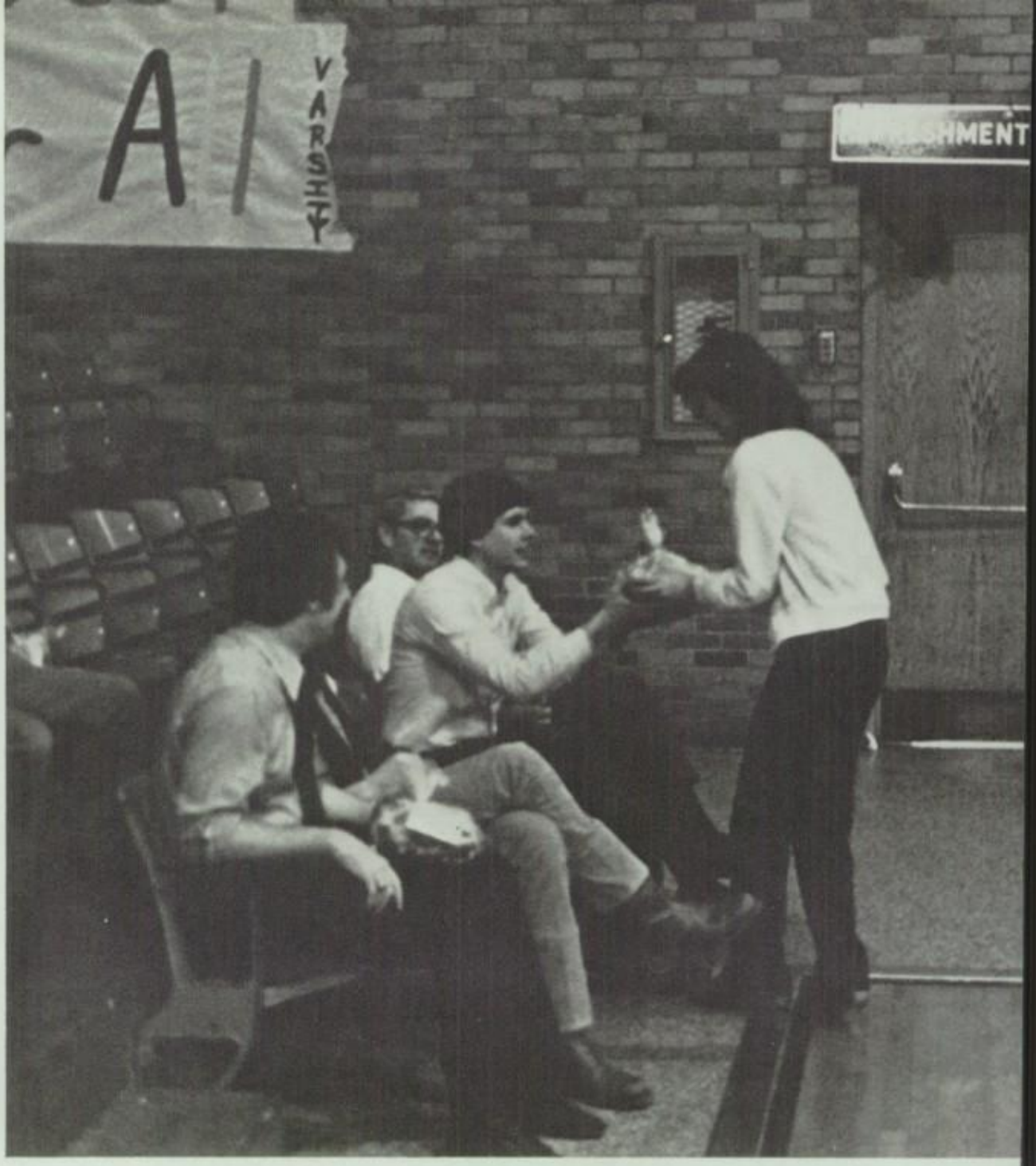
WHEN: Every school day you could see the FFA holding classes at the training center and the members could be seen at shows and fairs from Ohio State fair in Columbus as well as the Farmer's Market in Delphos.

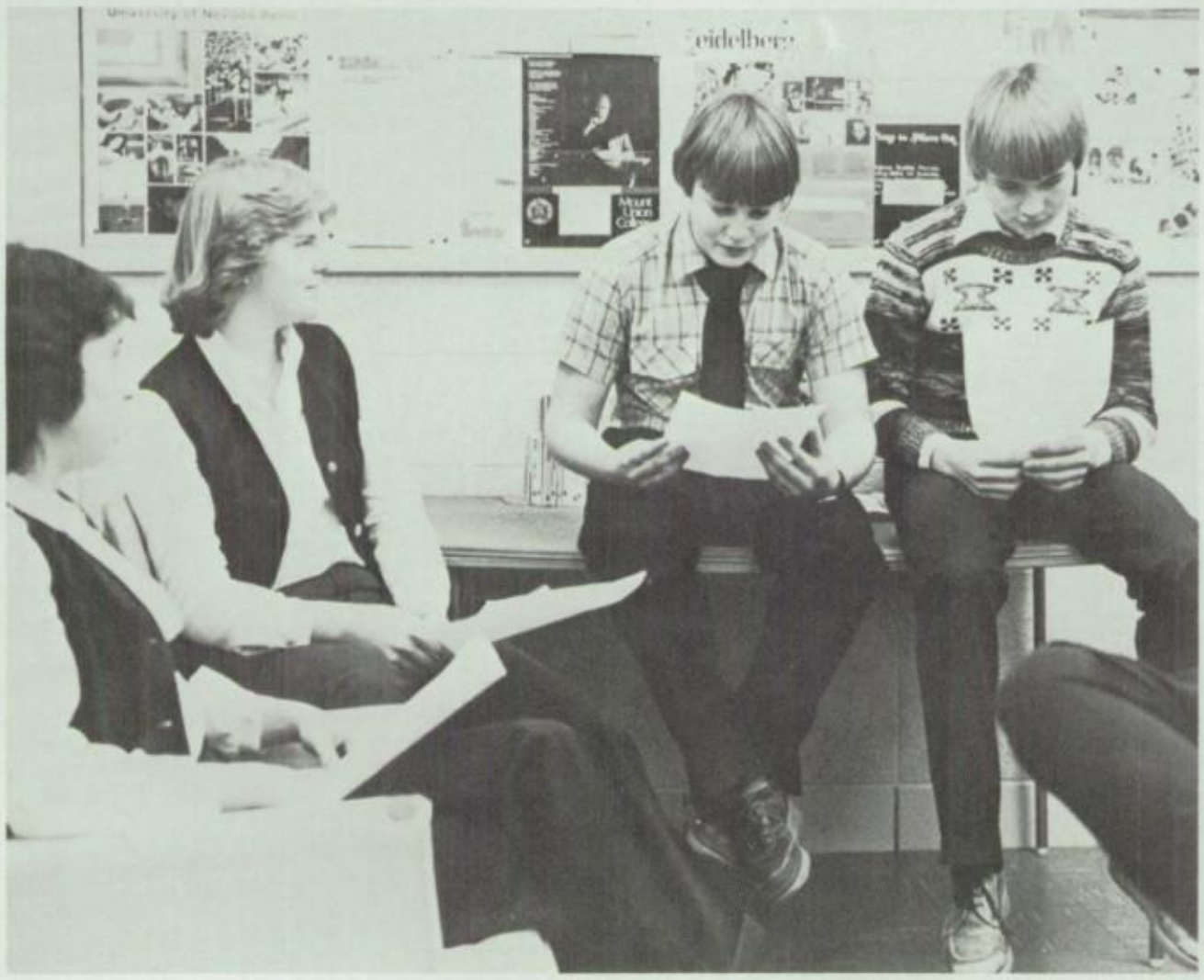
WHY: The aim of the FFA is to develop agricultural leadership, cooperation and citizenship thru a love for nature and their fellowman.

By: Erin McRedmond

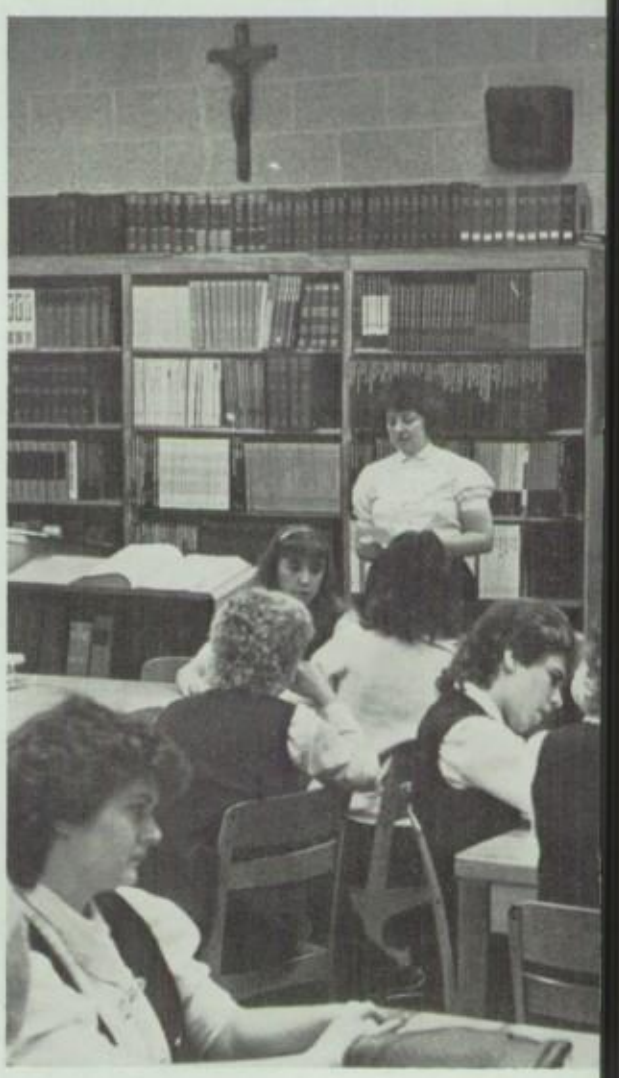
Taking time out of her busy schedule Brenda Backus corrects papers for Sister Mary Lauranne during her first period.







Spending their study hall tutoring freshmen Matt Wrasman and T.J. Pohlman are FTA members Andrea Gessner and Linda Shenk.



During the last FTA meeting of the year Advisor Ca Degen attempts to complete all of the unfinished b ness.

On teachers' appreciation day Deb Weichart presents Alan Unterbrink with his Easter basket as Mr. Huysman and Mr. Arnzen look on.

The junior FTA members present the Christmas play for the first and second graders. Trying to insure the arrival of Santa Claus are Sue Burnett, Kelly Gallmeier, Connie Fuerst, Gina Johnson and Mary Kay Brickner.

Reading their lines as part of the Halloween play are Jess Kistler, Barb Wrasman.

LEARNING THE BASICS

WHO: For the year of 1982-83 FTA was comprised of 14 seniors, 17 juniors, and 26 sophomores, all of whom were under the direction of Advisor Cathy Degen.

WHAT: These students assisted teachers and tutored students in both the grade and high schools. They sponsored teachers' appreciation day in March and provided Halloween, Christmas, and Easter plays for grades one and two.

WHY: Members of FTA have all considered careers as teachers and through being involved in this organization they can decide if they are still interested in persuing a career in teaching.

WHERE: All regular meetings were held in the library, plays were presented in the little theater and teachers were usually assisted in their classrooms.

WHEN: Most of their work was completed during school hours. Teachers received aid from members in study halls, as did students who were receiving help.

By: Linda Shenk

Partners Tom Krendl and Scott Ernst, try and anticipate what partners Chris Vorst and John Sheeter's next move will be during the Bid-Euchre tournament held during th Mission's Study Day.

No MISSION Too Impossible

WHO: The mission society consist of 33 members, these members signed up and were voted in by their classmates by means of ballots.

WHAT: A mission member must be ready and willing to give his or her time to help whenever needed. Such as recycling on Saturday mornings, movies, student exchange and little things that need to be done.

WHERE: Meetings are held in the library and class rooms during various periods of the day. But that's not the only place you can find a mission member, they also do recycling on Saturday mornings.

WHY: When asked why he was a mission member senior, Chris Kill comments, "To be part of service, and portray an active role in a school function." Karen Kimmet, also a senior member, said, "Because I want to show my support for our school." And Mission President Jennifer Heitmeyer responds, "Since I go to a catholic school, it was my duty to do some type of service to our school and by being in missions I think I have accomplished that."

In exchange for wearing jeans, Pam Gerdeman gi Mission member Carol Klaus her can goods for the Miss Thanksgiving food drive.

onating her free time for the Mission's Study Day, indy Osting gives some tips on special hair needs to Sue letzger.

Vice-President Charlie Luersman hands President Jenn Heitmeyer the wreath of flowers to adorn Mary's feet to show her our honor for her.

raying the Rosary for May Crowning John Bockey, hris Kill, Charlie Luersman and Nick Wrasman lead the udent body in the first decade of the Rosary.

Blake Roxlau attempts to spell out one of the many difficult words encountered by the participants in the NHS annual Spelling Bee while Jane Noonan, NHS advisor Amy Haytcher and NHS President Carol Kleman listen on.

In the tradition of NHS inductions, Karen Kimmet taps Carolyn Weiging during ceremonies thus informing her that she is about to become a member.

Tears and hugs of congratulations are exchanged be tween Jean Ditto and Tracey Hines as people make the way through the line of newly inducted NHS members

Standing in line to receive the congratulations of the faculty, newly inducted member Mary Kay Brickner shakes hands with Mrs. Jean Minnig while in the background Darlene Berres is greeted by Mr. Bob Arnzen.

Making it official, Kevin Pohlman signs in to become part of the National Honor Society as Joy Suever waits

NHS . . . A BREED APART

ngratulate him.

WHO: There were eight National Honor Society members last year, these members were joined by the new inductees, of which there were 13.

WHAT: This organization gives credit where credit is due. It gives those students outstanding in education a challenge and reward at the same time.

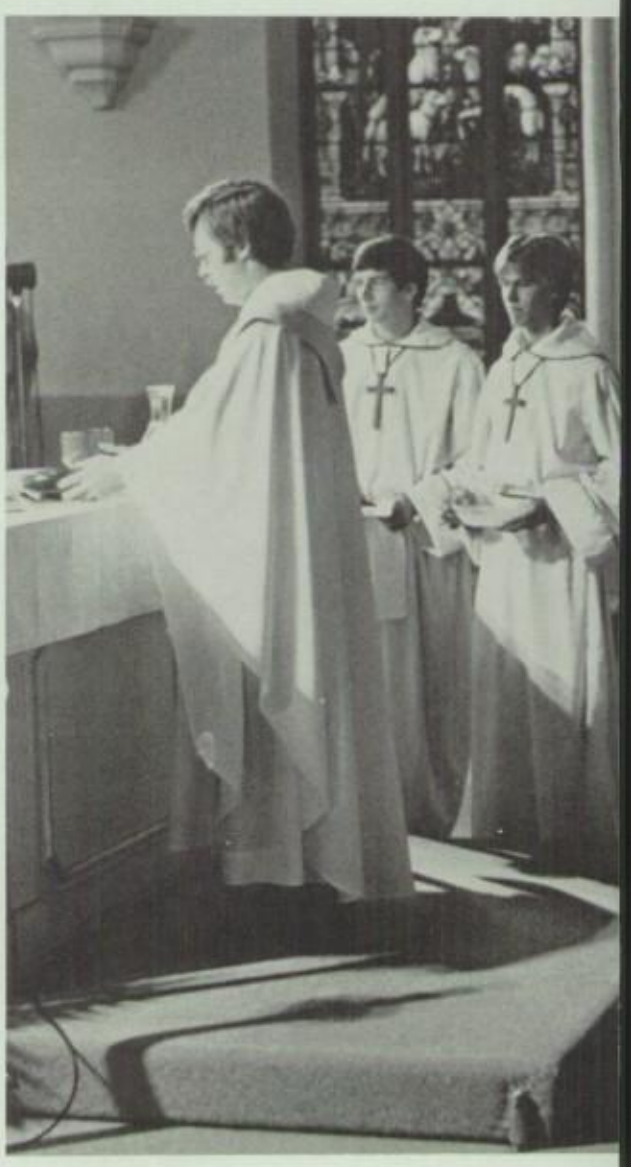
WHY: These people find their challenge in a very unique way. They fulfill their requirements in academics by achieving a 3.5 all four years of high school.

WHEN: The meetings, conducted by Carol Klemen, NHS president, and Miss Amy Haytcher, the NHS advisor, bring the members up-to-date on the happenings of this challenging organization.

WHERE: The meetings take place during school time and inform the members on what needs to be done and when. It is up to the individual members to get the job done.

Preparing for the start of mass, Steve Davis gets the cross ready to carry in the church procession.

Showing her talent as a trumpet player, Karen Kimmet plays at one of the high school masses.



Assisting Father Sidner with the mass, Joe Niedecken and Charlie Luersman wait for Father to cleanse his hands.

Participating at a high school mass as leading singers are Amy Stemen and Juanita Best.

Leading the student body to sing at one of the high school masses are Kim Rupert and Beth Kaskel.

THE UNSUNG HEROES

WHO: The folkgroup and 43 servers. Last year there were 11 seniors, 10 juniors, five sophomores, and 23 freshmen who served God by assisting at mass.

WHAT: The servers served all Sunday masses, holy days, and high school masses. The folkgroup sang and played guitars at Saturday night masses.

WHY: When asked why they served mass, senior Quint Haunhorst replied, "I never gave it much thought." Sophomore Scott Schnipke remarked, "It was something to do for my church." And freshman Matt Scarr said, "I became a server because it made going to mass not so boring."

WHEN: The folkgroup played on Saturday nights and the servers served Saturday, Sunday, holy day and high school masses.

WHERE: Most of the masses were served in the church, but, special high school masses were served in the gym and chapel.

By: Scott Ernst

Nobody said it would be easy being a server, but by having loyalty to their church and God, 11 seniors, 10 juniors, five sophomores, and 17 freshmen got up early and gave up various activities to answer the call of being a server.

The folkgroup was another example of people going out of their way and taking time off to serve the church. The folkgroup has been playing guitars at each Saturday night mass for eight years.

Although it seems the hardest part of serving is being overlooked by the people they know, deep in their hearts they feel God is always watching them and that is what makes these people so special.

WORKING FOR A LIVING

WHO: The 33 workers who made up concessions, cafeteria, freshman basketball, wrestling and volleyball ticket sellers and workers. Concessions sell candy, pop, and popcorn at games.

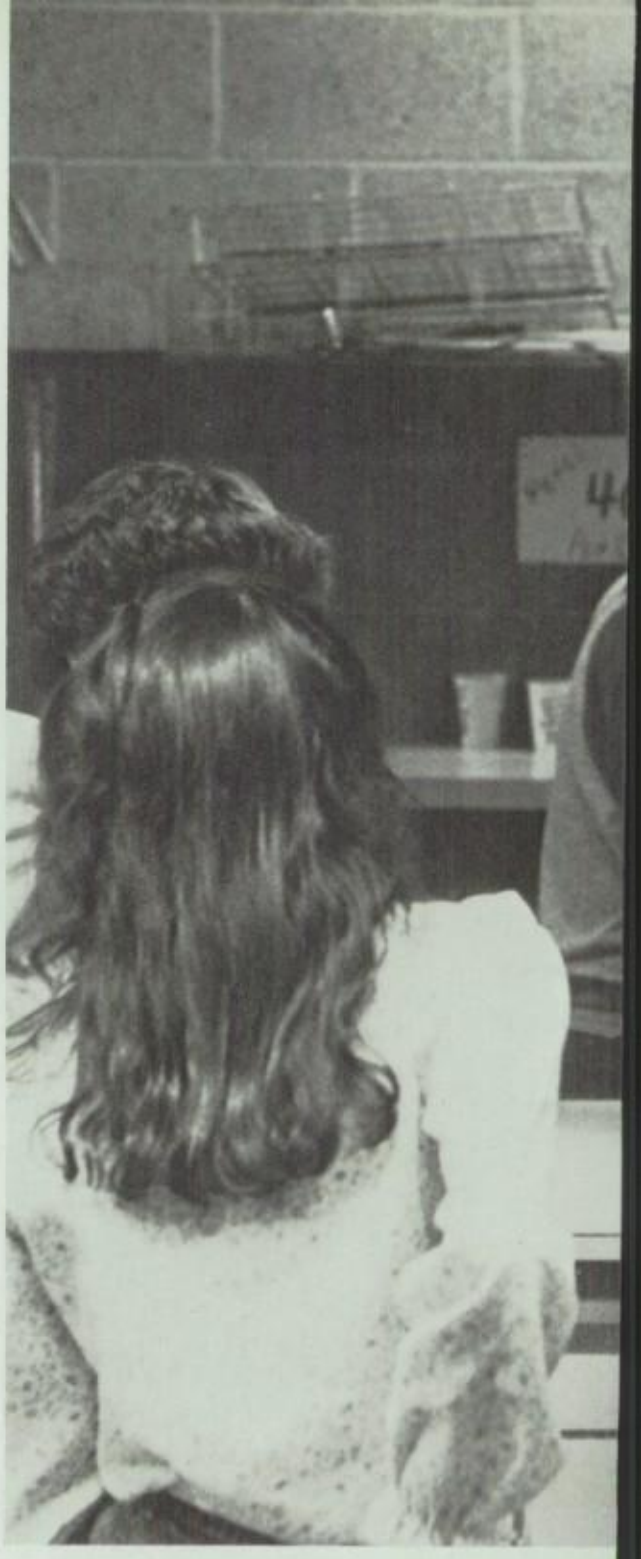
WHAT: The cleaners clean up after the games. All these activities are done after school hours. Cafeteria workers, however, work during school lunch hour serving lunches and washing and drying trays and silverware.

WHY: These people work to earn a little extra money and to get some fringe benefits. For instance the cafeteria workers get a free dinner, the concession workers get a free pop and some pop corn, and all ticket sellers get into the games free.

WHERE: The workers work during the school lunch hour and at the games.

WHEN: The cafeteria workers work during the high school lunch hour, concessions work at basketball games and volleyball games. Freshman basketball and wrestling workers sell tickets to the games.

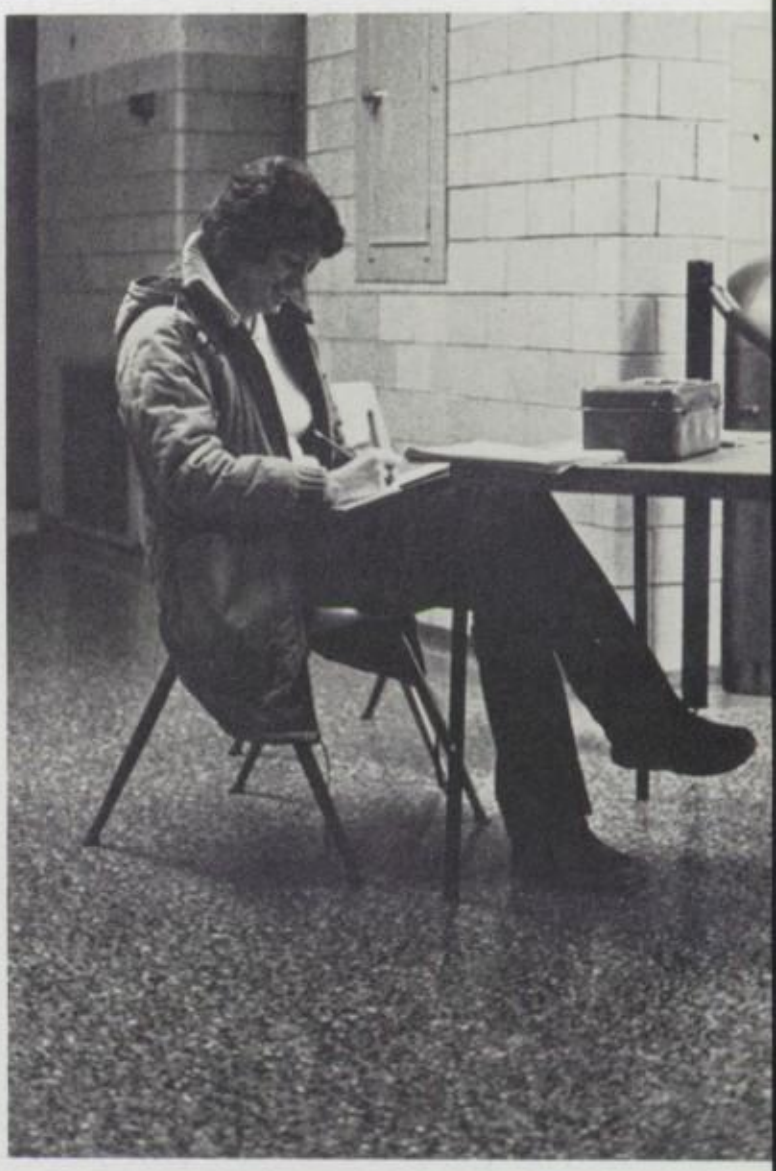
By: Scott Ernst



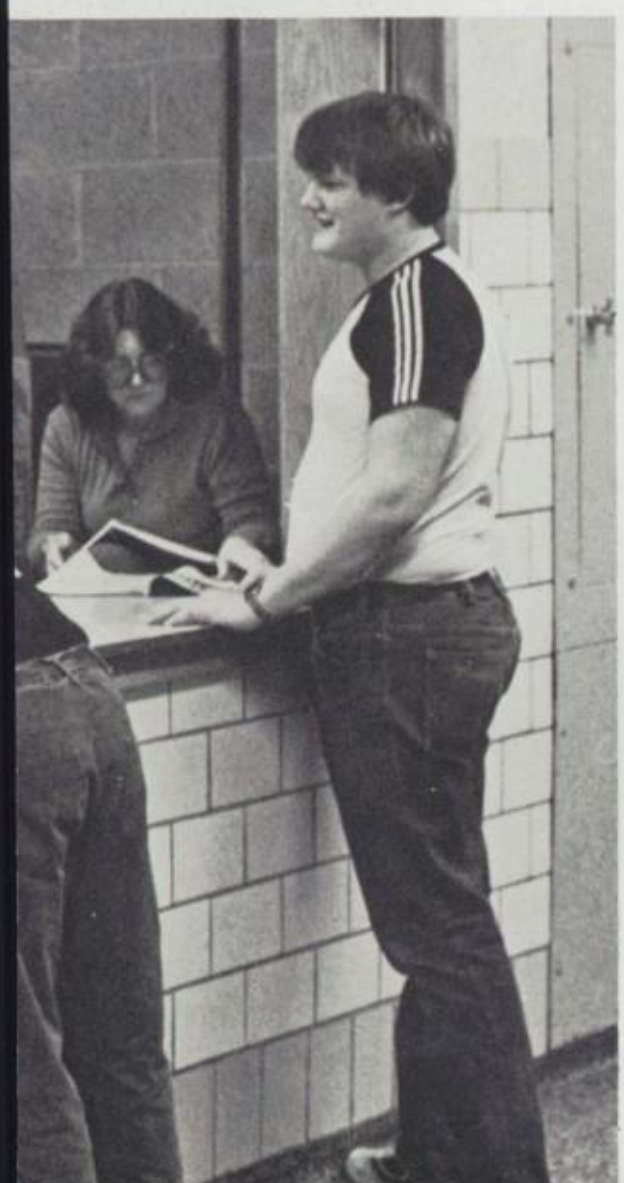
Giving up his time to help out after a basketball game, Mike Kohorst sweeps up trash between the gym's bucket seats.

Holding down the concession stand during halftime, Alan Hessling sells refreshments.

Serving lunch in the cafeteria, Kim Rupert waits for the crowd.

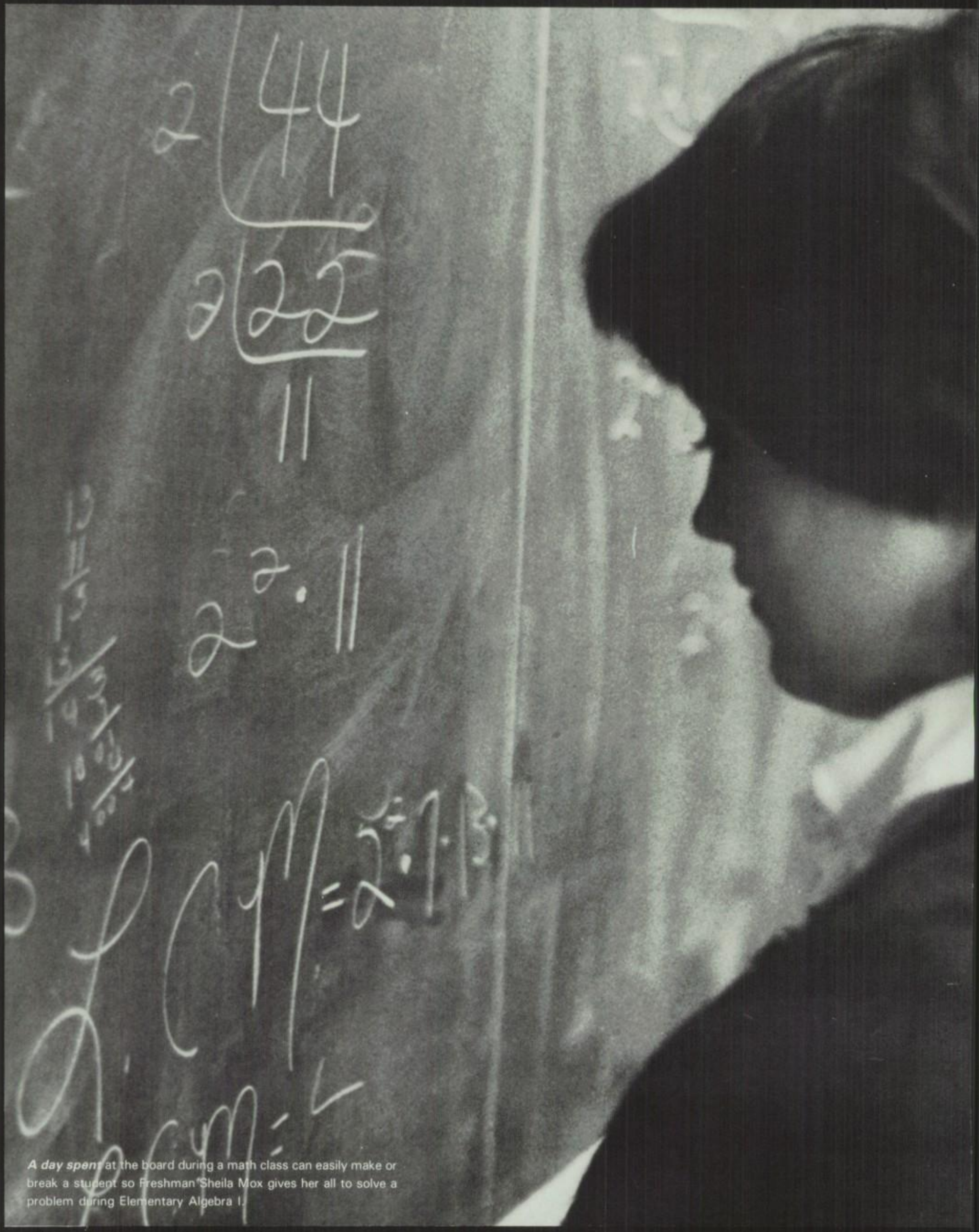


Selling tickets for a freshman ball game, Laurie Grone waits for a buyer.



Enjoying the benefits of the concession stand, Eugene Lause and Jim Hoffman wait to be served by Mike Kohorst and Dale Metzger as Sally Spring relaxes after the halftime rush.

Taking a little time to relax from selling freshman basketball tickets are Laura Kroger and Lisa Meyer.



A day spent at the board during a math class can easily make or break a student so Freshman Sheila Mox gives her all to solve a problem during Elementary Algebra I.

SMARTS

There were so many activities which took up a large part of a student's day, it was easy for him to forget the real reason for attending school — to receive a good education.

These many extracurricular activities did serve a purpose, however, other than to keep students occupied in their after school hours. Through academic as well as athletic organizations and the time they consume, students were taught to develop a sense of priorities and responsibilities.

But even though students here were seemingly busy twenty-six of the twenty-four hours in a day, their grades hardly suffered. With a school accumulative grade point average of 2.45 and an average of 72% of St. John's graduates going on to further education, the academic strength of St. John's is evident. — By: The Editors

Junior Criss Wilson tackles one of the many tests a chemistry student must study for during a challenging year of second period Chemistry.

The grim realization of four years of hard work sinks into the minds of Freshmen Ben Fischer and Matt Jettinghoff as they cover what seems endless stacks of books after Freshmen Orientation.

ONE DOWN 179 TO GO

By: Gina Johnson

It was a warm, humid August 30, as the students once again began the busy 8:00 to 3:00 schedule known as "school."

The day began with a mass which was said by Fr. Sidner that generally set the mood for all present. It was ***the*** day that no one had homework!

This was basically just a day to get organized. The students found their classrooms, the friends that were in their classes, which courses were going to be easy, and last but not least, whose locker was across the hall from theirs.

Most students agreed that they were glad to be back. "We were running out of things to do during the day!" was a familiar cry. And just think, in 179 days it will be vacation time again!

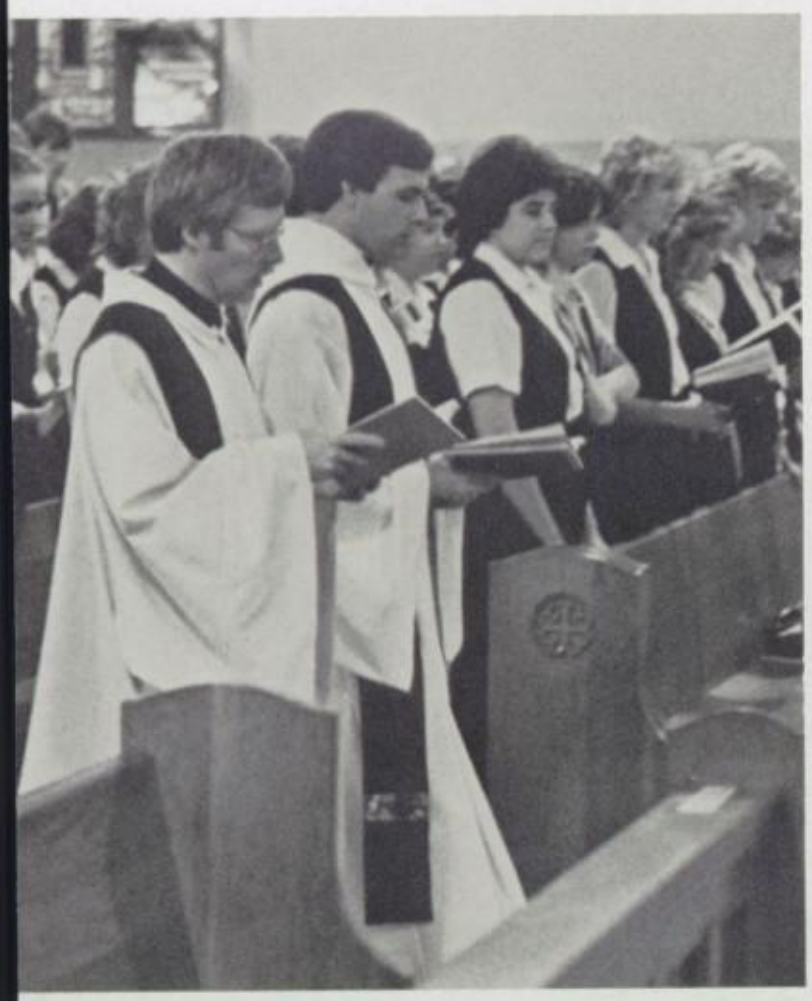
When asked about returning to school a year older, senior Steve Pohlman said, "It's all still going to be the same . . . boring!"
Several other seniors said the same thing, "We're just here to pass time 'til graduation." Yet Jim "Buge" Grothouse had different feelings. "Now I can play dot-to-dot in Study Hall."

This year's juniors also didn't have very much to say. "No comment," was the much heard cry here, although Laurie Bockey replied, "It's wonderful being back with all the little critters!"

"I'm so glad I'm not a freshman anymore," was the general sophomore feeling. However some people had very different reasons for coming to school. "I get to see Bob (Kevin Knebel) every day now!" sighed Julie Ardner.

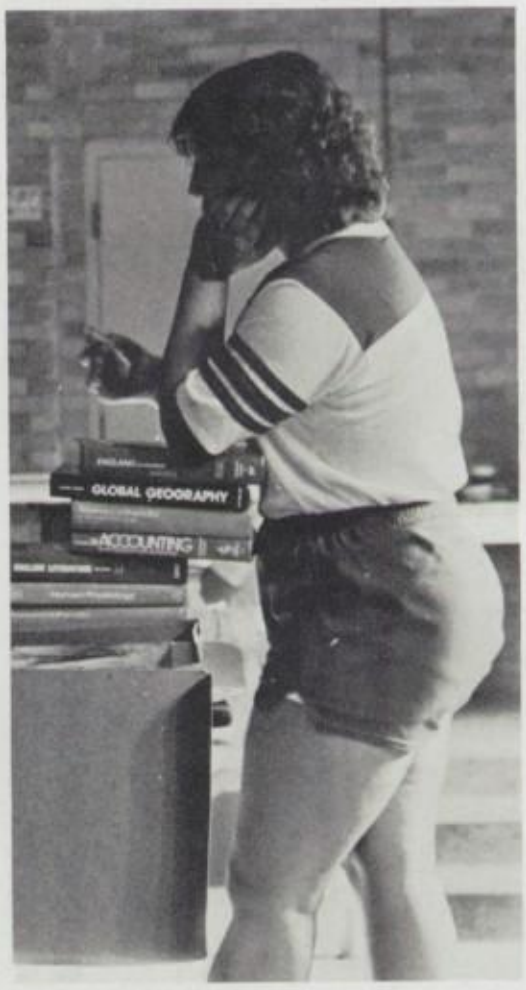
The freshmen all agreed that they started out this year more than a little nervous. But with the first-day jitters and "school song blues" over, most students settled down for what they hoped would be a good year. "It's fun in high school." "We get alot more freedom." "Sometimes the seniors can be a pain." These were typical "greenie" feelings.

Discussing changes in her schedule with Mr. Funk, Lisa Geier inquires about dropping Trig in favor of computers as Tom Cross, John Sheeter, and Scott Ernst wait patiently outside the guidance office for their turns.



Opening the first day of school with Mass helped to spiritually unite the student body for the upcoming year.

After orientation, freshmen Dan Gerdeman, Tony Weichart, Jeff Klausing, and Steve Davis get their supplies organized for the upcoming school year with the aid of Erin McRedmond who helped in the bookstore.

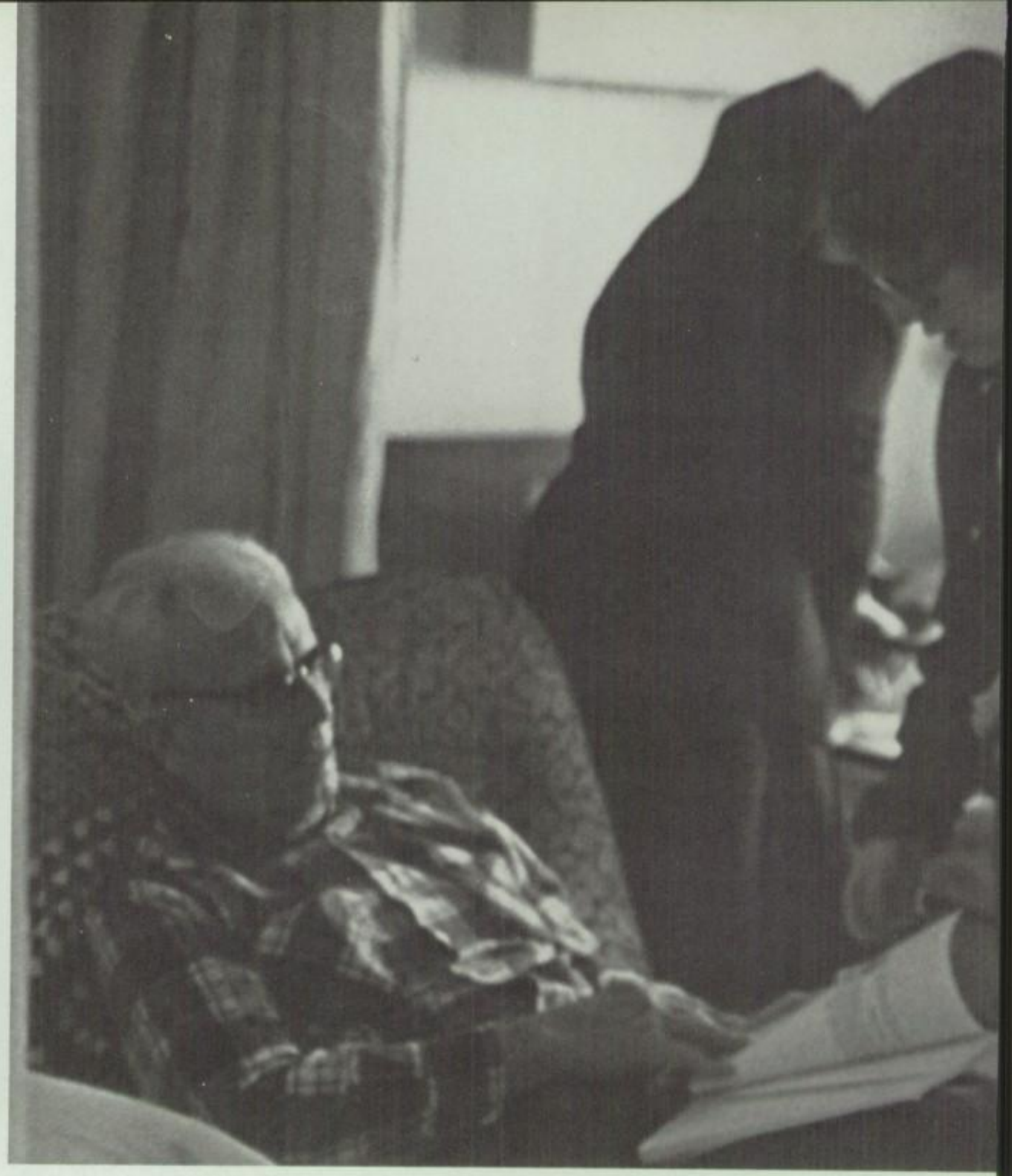


"Only one year left," sighs Pam Gerdeman as she examines her senior year schedule during registration.

"Fight, fight with banners flying . . . " The reluctant voices of freshmen in the process of initiation draw crowds of interested students to the gym floor as several eyes turn toward the bucket seats where humiliation runs rampant.

Taking time out of her Saturday morning, Ginny Kroeger passes out a card to Ollie Hempker. Cards passed out to all the elderly were made by the Sophomore class.

Announcing the offertory song, Tim Menke takes his turn in helping to prepare the mass.



Sharing an ice cream bar helps Barb Recker (right) break the ice as she gets acquainted with her confirmation pal, Gina Calvelage.

Getting their directions on where to go Karen Weber and Mary Kay Brickner wait to receive their fruit plates from Edna Fischer.

With their hands full, Criss Wilson and Mike Kohorst set out to deliver fruit plates to the elderly and poor for the Delphos Community Christmas Project.

Keeping The Faith

By: Gina Johnson

Religion plays a major role in every Catholic education, and here the case was no different.

In freshman religion, the focal points were the old testament, understanding yourself, and church history. When asked about religion, Julie Harpster and Kelly Martz commented, "Miss Fischer (the instructor) really fits in with the kids. She understands how we feel about alot of things. She also makes the class interesting and creative so learning is easier and fun and we don't mind listening when she talks."

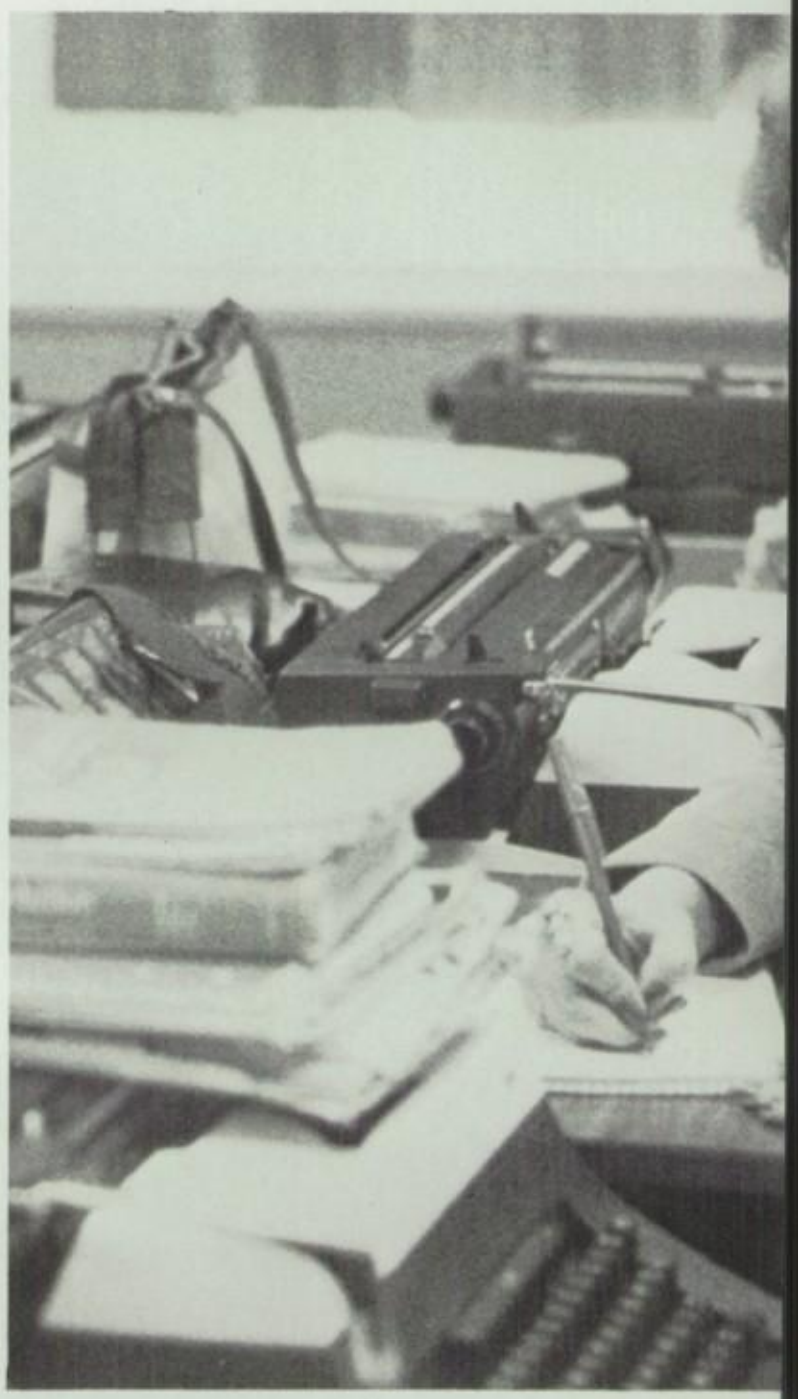
Under the direction of Sister Brigid, the sophomores set out to go into greater detail about the life of Christ. Jim Hoffman and Dale Metzger summed up their opinions on the class by saying that, "sometimes it's boring learning the same stuff over again but we really liked the newspapers, we really like to work in groups. We especially liked the newspapers we made on Jesus and what it was like in the time that he lived."

Service was a major role in the junior year. They visited the shut-ins and elderly at the two nursing homes, performed odd jobs around school and the new project this year was to baby-sit at the day-care center, formerly the fifth grade Annex. Another very important segment of junior religion was the study of social justice. Scott Wellmann best expressed his feelings on this study by saying, "There is only so much you can learn from a book. Even though we (the juniors) were not required to do much in the line of homework, most of the work someone would need to do to become familiar with social justice was out of class."

Senior religion was comprised of two basic programs, Family Living and the P.E.P. (Parish Experience Program) classes. Describing P.E.P. classes Karen Kimmet says, "In taking Senior P.E.P., I came to realize all the work and sacrifice that goes into making our community. In taking the course I also found out (through meetings) that there's alot of work and giving at St. John's."

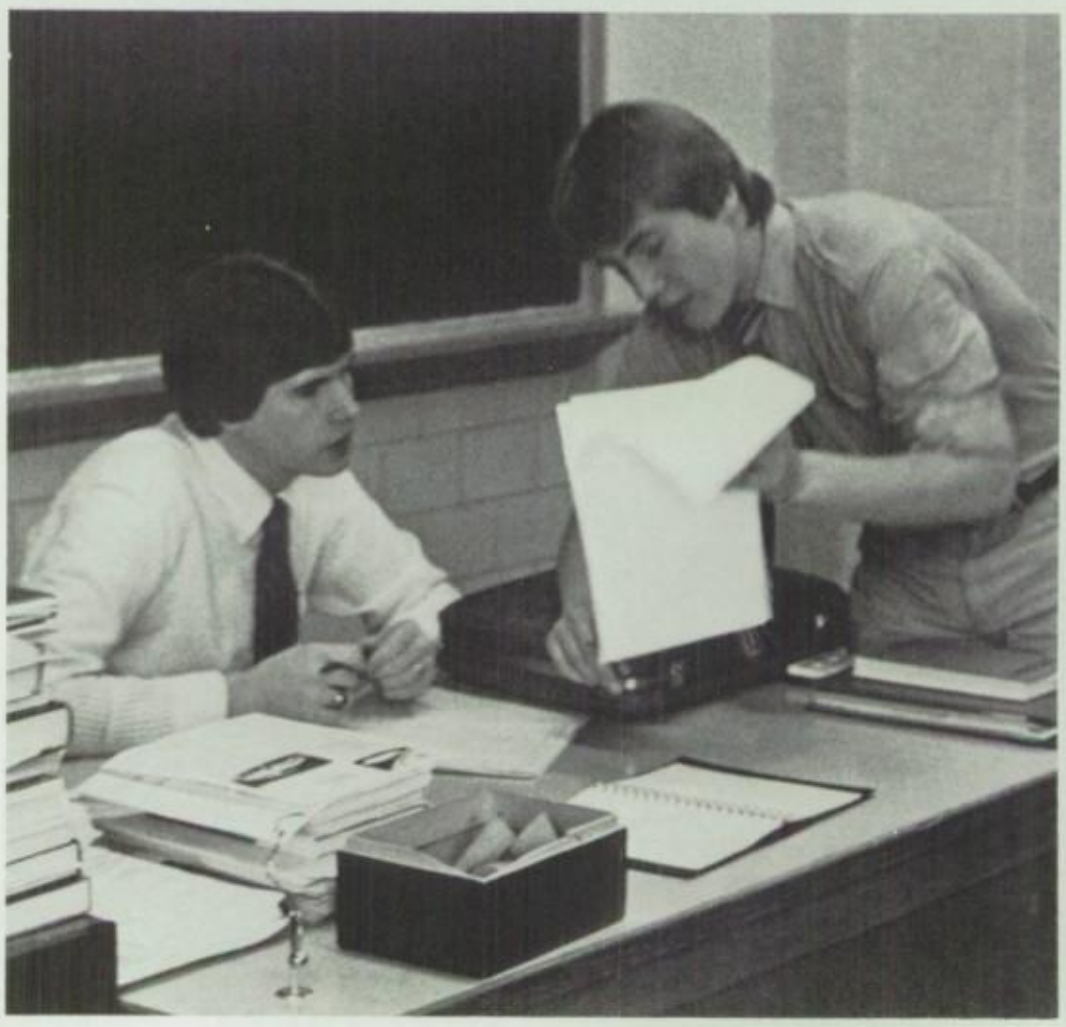
All in all, religion classes were review work done in previous years. However, new techniques were always being sought after to make the class enjoyable for all.

Rewriting a letter into shorthand, Tracey Hines quickly finishes before the bell rings to leave the Training Center.



Working a prime factorization problem while reviewing for semester tests in Elementary Algebra I, Greg Odenweller and Chris Fischer find this problem a little lengthy.

Making sure he's got the right idea on how the problem should be worked, Buddy Bertling presents his thoughts to Mr. Alan Unterbrink during an Advanced Algebra test.



Digital Nightmares

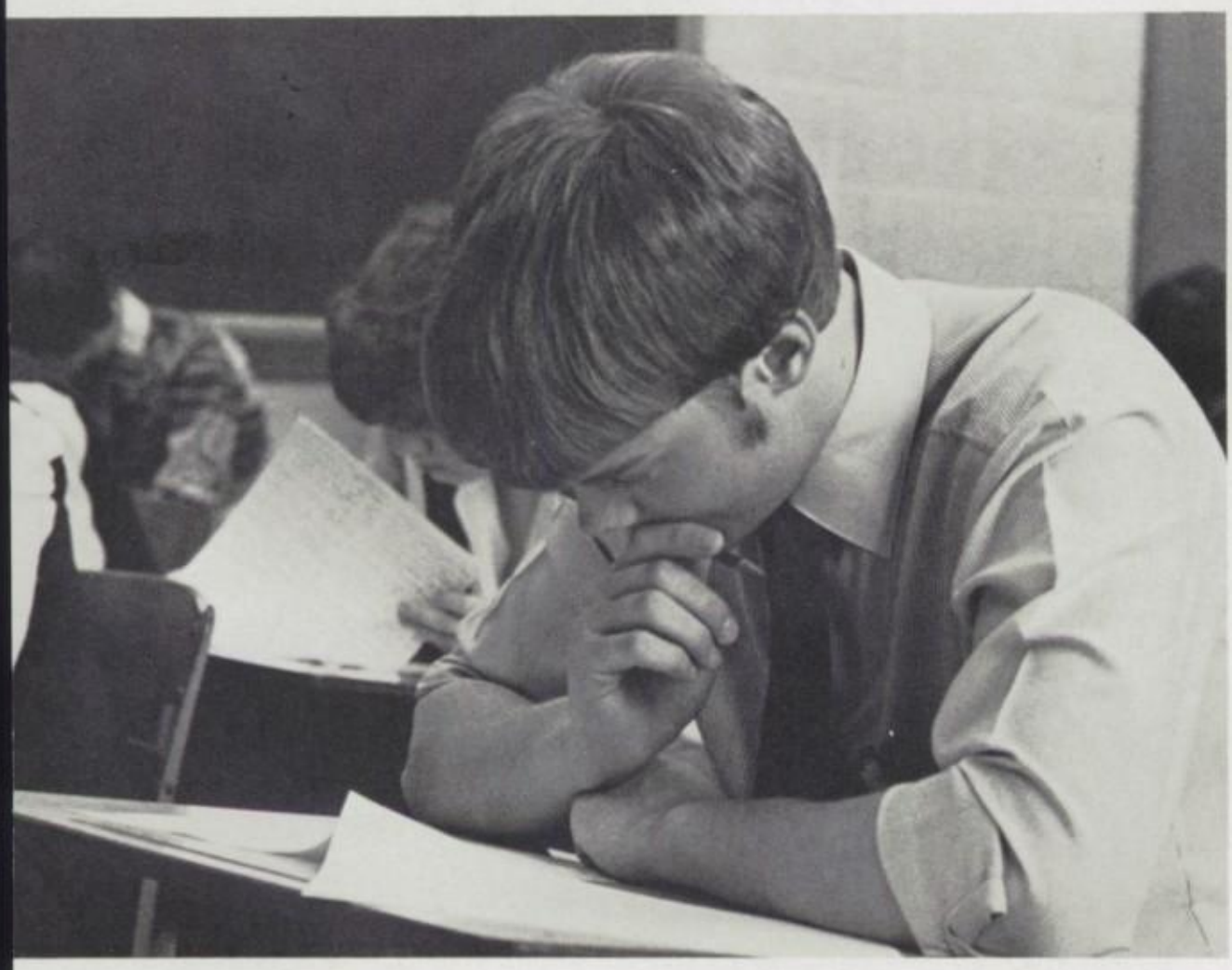
By: Scott Wellmann

Math has come a long way since counting on fingers and toes. The procedures have grown much more complex and evolved into such processes as graphing points, lines, and figures; comparing and measuring geometric figures of all dimentions and shapes; algebraically solving systems of equations to determine an unknown value; factoring; working in terms of sine, cosine, and tangent to find points on a graph; and other types of problems dealing with geometry, algebra, trigonometry, and calculus.

In addition, mathematical skill was needed in other classes. For example, chemistry students often used math in stoichiometric relationships, gas law problems, etc. and they had to use logarithms in relation to questions of pH. Furthermore, in order to make copy and captions fit in an allotted space, yearbook students had to find out mathematically how many letters would fit in a line.

Practical courses such as bookkeeping also exercised skills in math. Adding up columns of figures was a common part of assignments in this class. In typing, numbers are used in setting margins and centering material. These were just two of the many business courses students could choose from. General business, record keeping, business law, and shorthand classes were also available if a student was interested in learning these business skills.

Students were not required to take any business course, but for those interested in accounting or secretarial jobs, they were excellent training. Even if one was interested in a field completely unrelated to one of business, the skills learned in any one of these classes could easily be used with minor modifications.



Spending the time before homeroom wisely, Jan Hesseling rushes to get her Bookkeeping homework finished before her next class.

Studying a problem on an Advanced Algebra test, Kevin Knebel debates how to work it out correctly.

EXPRESSIONS

By: Scott Wellmann

Throughout time, man has expressed himself in innumerable ways. Literature, dance, and art have evolved from man's desire to communicate his feelings. Other methods of expression more common to students included music, hand gestures, and plain old speech. By far, the most widely used of these forms of communication was talking. As a matter of fact, there were certain people who almost never stopped.

One might have considered Jenn Heitmeyer to be one of these motor mouths because of her elaborations on why she took four years of French classes. "People of other countries all seem to speak English as a second language. I feel like it's my duty to have an understanding of their language as well. Speaking French is an asset for me. I'd hate to be a typical tourist in Europe with Bermuda shorts and a Nikon around my neck saying, 'Now, how much is that in ***real*** money.' I've seen that happen before. It sickens me!"

The benefits of a foreign language course were appreciated by Spanish students we well. Amy Mueller commented, "Spanish is becoming the second language of the U.S. I think that being able to speak it will really help me in the future since I'm thinking of going into medicine."

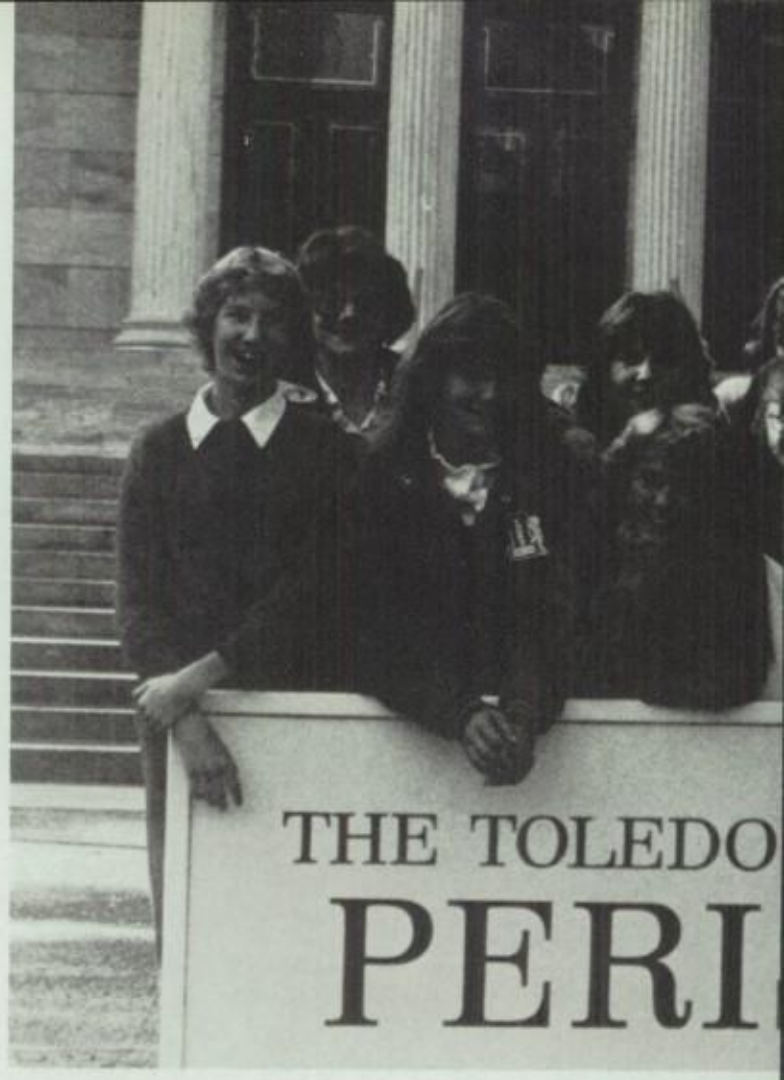
The French and Spanish classes showed students the similarities and differences between their native English and a foreign tongue.

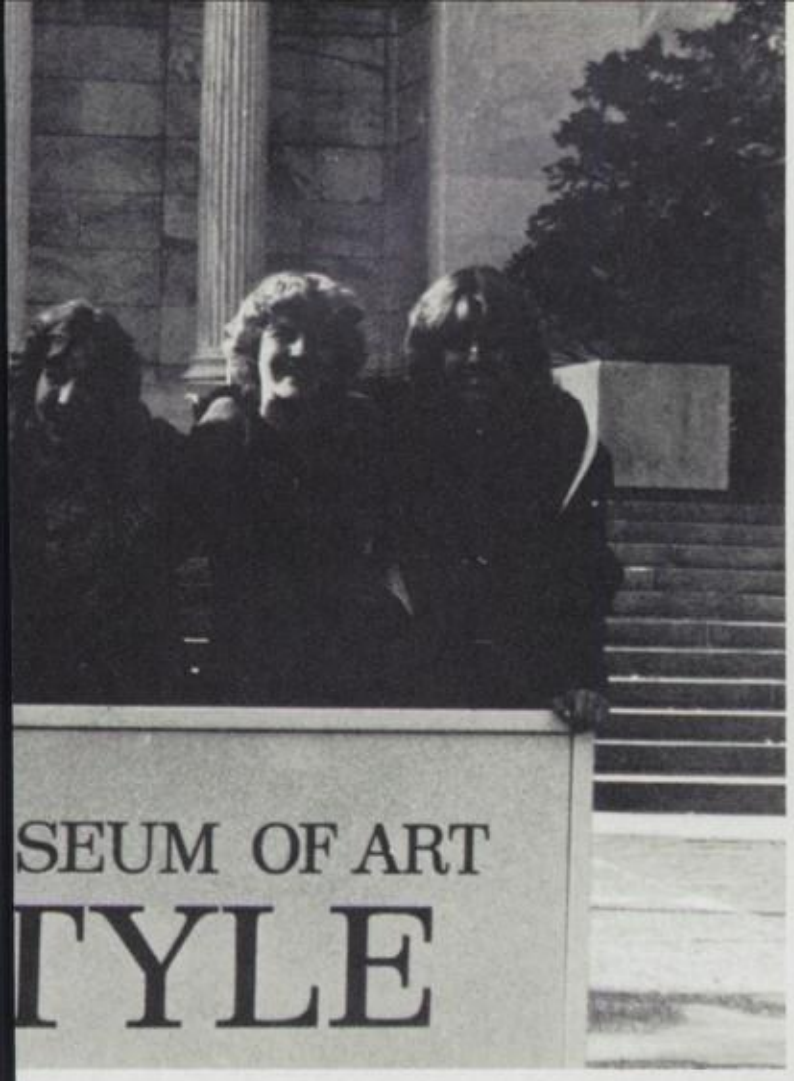
Even though most students have had several years experience in speaking the English language, all were required to take courses on this subject anyway. English classes covered such topics as basic grammatical structures, vocabulary, and and classic literary works. Some novels read by the seniors included: ***Beowulf, Bless the Beasts and the Children,*** and ***Macbeth,*** while the juniors examined some short stories written by such authors as Thoreau, Emerson, Poe and Twain and poems by Sandburg and Frost. ***The Hobbit*** and characters from mythology led the sophomores through a fantasy land of dwarves, wizards, and gods. They also became acquainted with the works of Shakespeare through ***Julius Caesar,*** just as the seniors met the Bard in ***Macbeth*** while the freshmen read Shakespeare's ***Romeo and Juliet,*** and compared it to the modern ***West Side Story.*** Steinbeck's ***The Red Pony*** and various short stories were other examples of works read by the freshmen.

These classics demonstrated various styles of communicating thoughts, feelings and ideas as literature progressed through the years. Vocabulary lessons helped students to express themselves more distinctly while grammar lessons refined their words into more proper English.

Speech Acting and Speech Fundamentals added another dimension to expression for students on these classes. These courses worked to develop ability in using proper speech techniques and effective expression. Some subjects examined by speech acting students included numerous plays and movies, stage make-up and blocking.

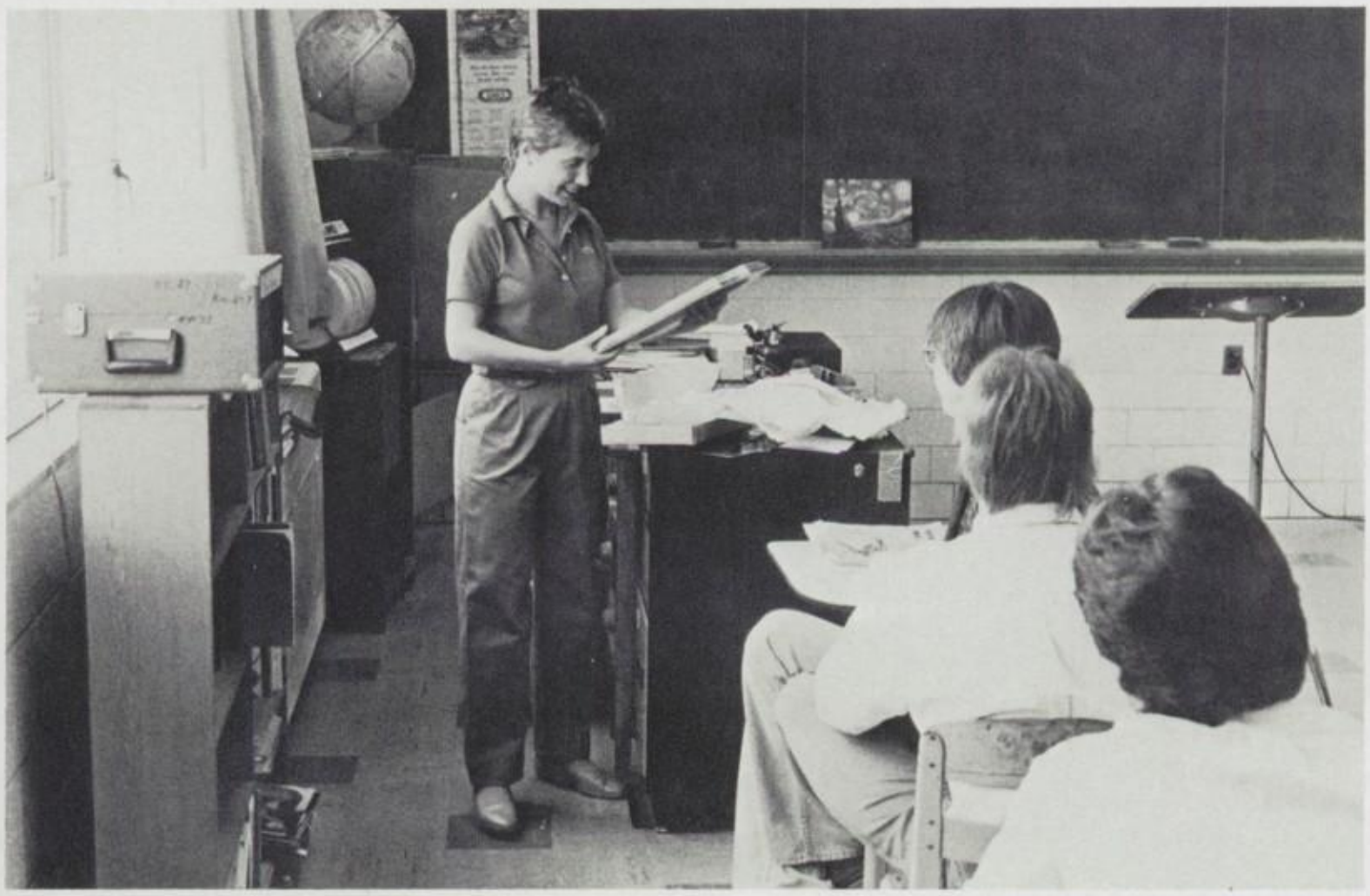
No matter which of these classes were taken, they turned out to be more than one may have expected. Students taking a foreign language for the first time were especially surprised by all the vocabulary, grammar, and general information they learned in one short year. Despite a lifetime of experience and training in English students found that an infinite number of facets remain unexplored in the language and some of the stories read were actually interesting. What a Surprise!!





Taking time out from their trip to the El Grecco exhibit, a group of first year Spanish students pose for a picture.

French III students Sarah Shobe and Gina Johnson pay close attention to the slides shown to them of France.

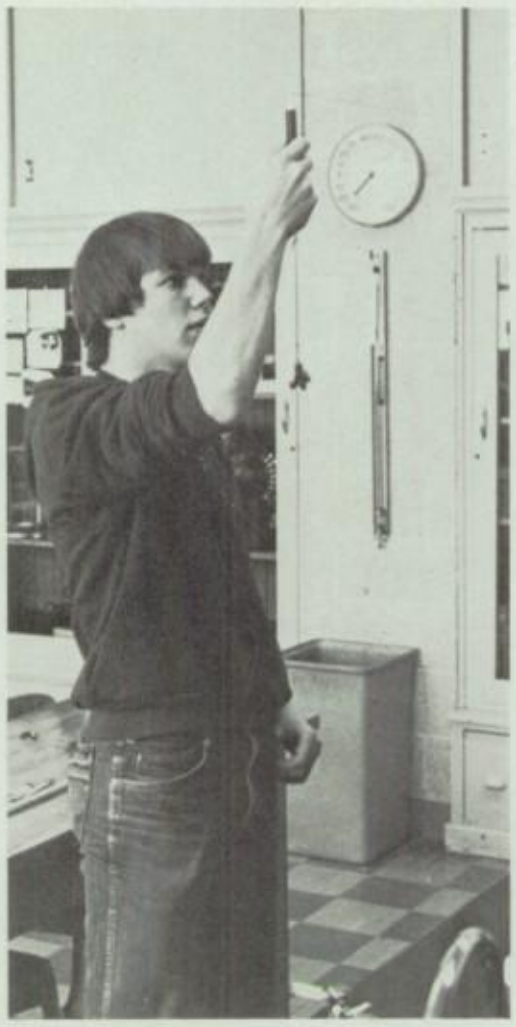


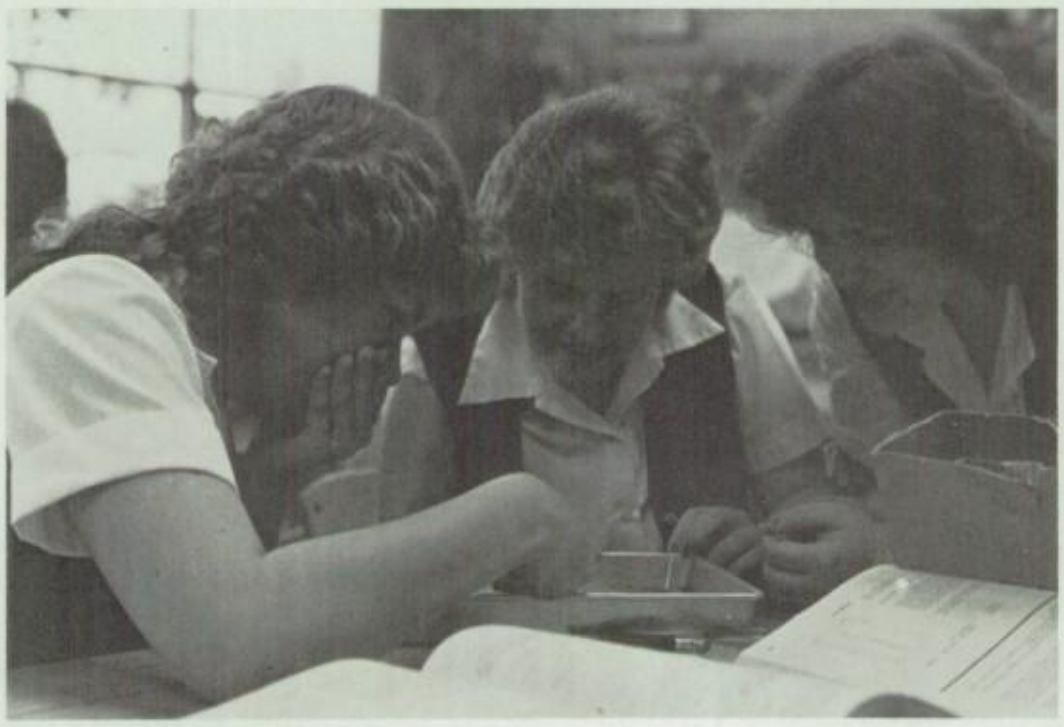
After spinning a first grader, Spanish II students Jane Wittler, Teresa VonDeylen and Kim Gerdeman guide him to the pinata.

French II classes presents Amy Haytcher with a plaque before she leaves after her four years of teaching here.

Working as a team on dissecting their mink, Sue Metzger, Carol Klaus, Erin McRedmond and Sherry Rupert scrape and cut the fat away from their mink.

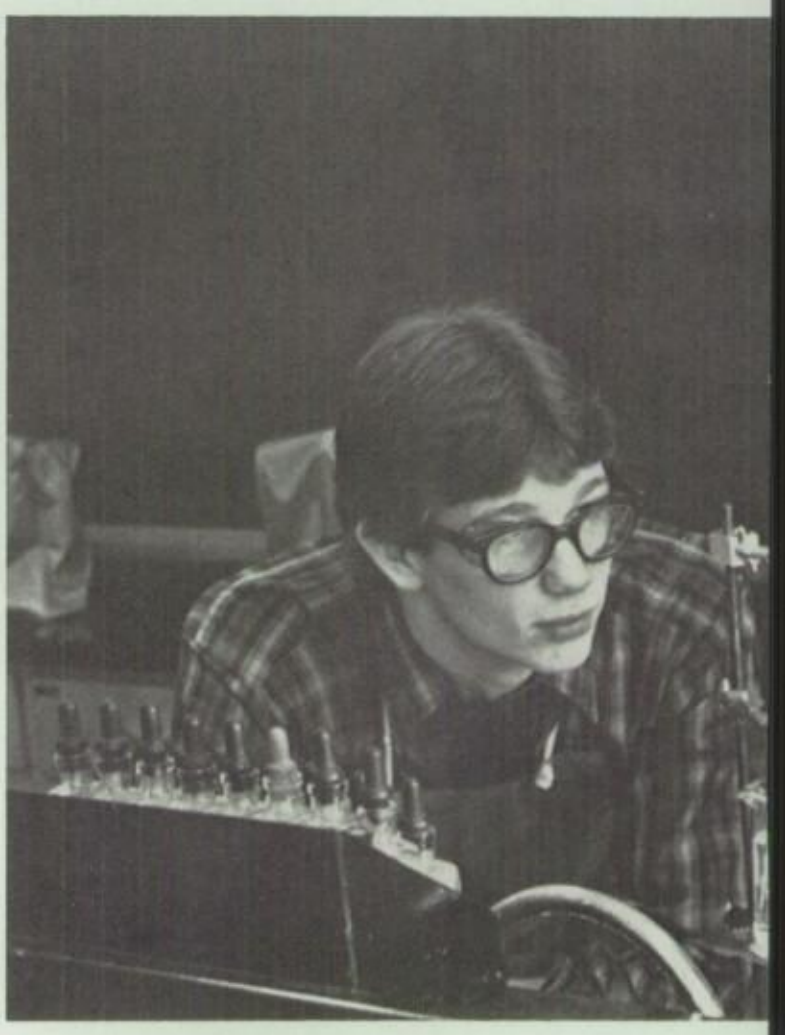
During a physics class, Jim Gordon carefully works on an experiment dealing with centrifugal force.

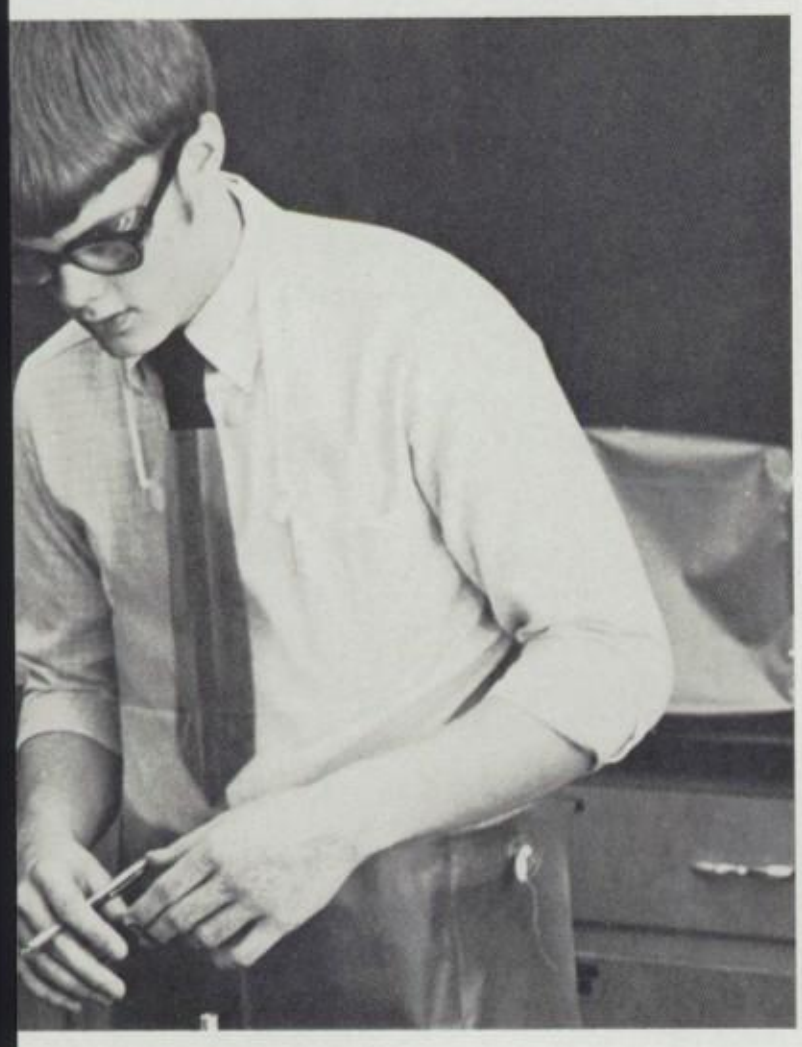




Earthworms preserved in formic acid are not too appealing as Cheryl Grothouse shows by covering her mouth while helping Kim Hiett and Laura Niemeyer complete the dissection.

Careful observations are needed in order to write up an accurate lab report, so as Tim Metzger leans over the table to get get a better view of the system, Kevin Knebel prepares to record its temperature in his data table.





Following the directions for dissecting their clam during their biology class, Tim Martin and Tom Martin are being careful as not to make a mistake.

Sense-Sational

By: Scott Wellmann

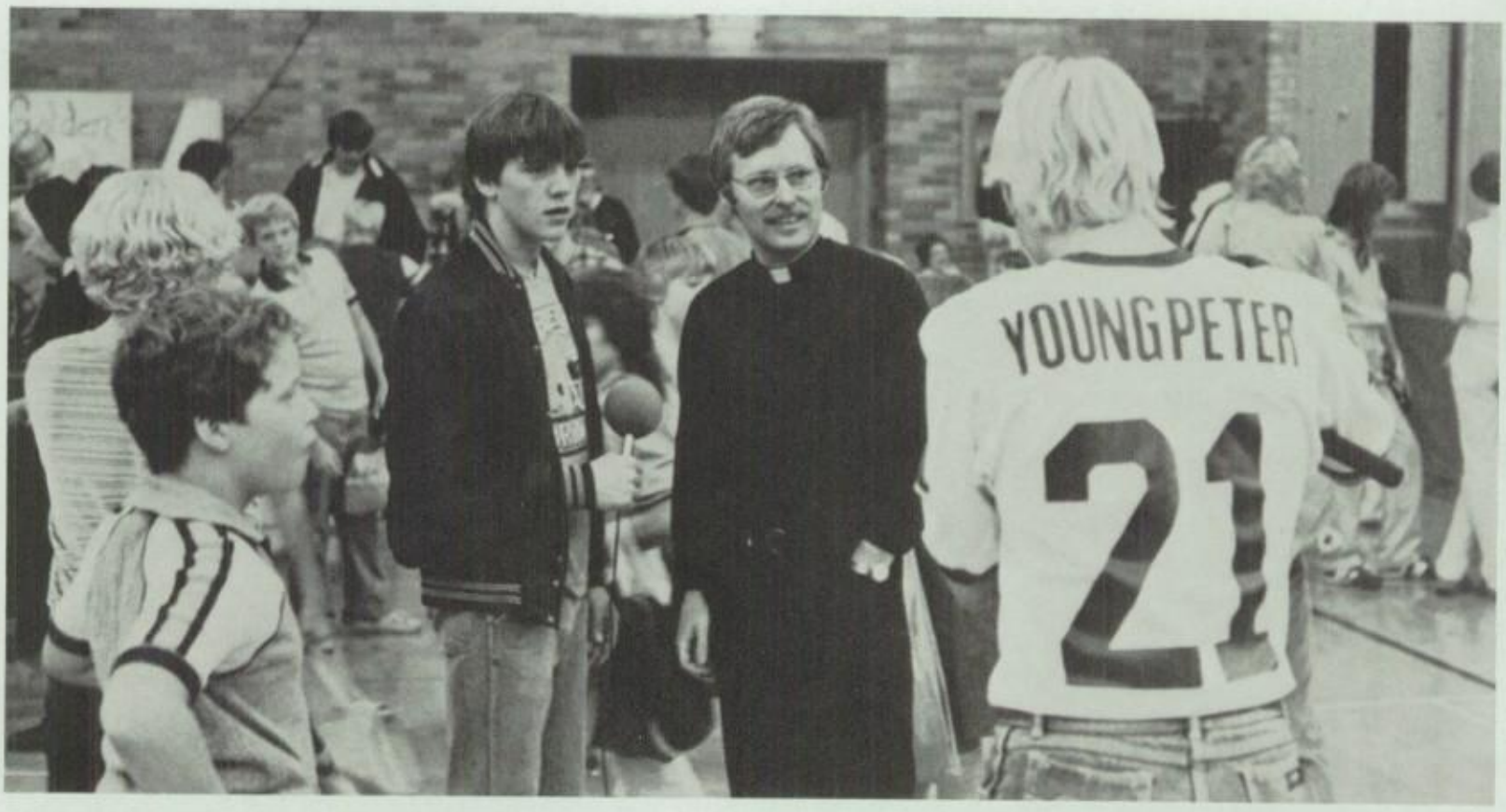
Ink and paper cannot even compare with the organs of a mink spilled out on a tray as far as a learning tool is concerned. Similarly, the most exact written description of a reaction is virtually worthless when one's observed every aspect of it for himself.

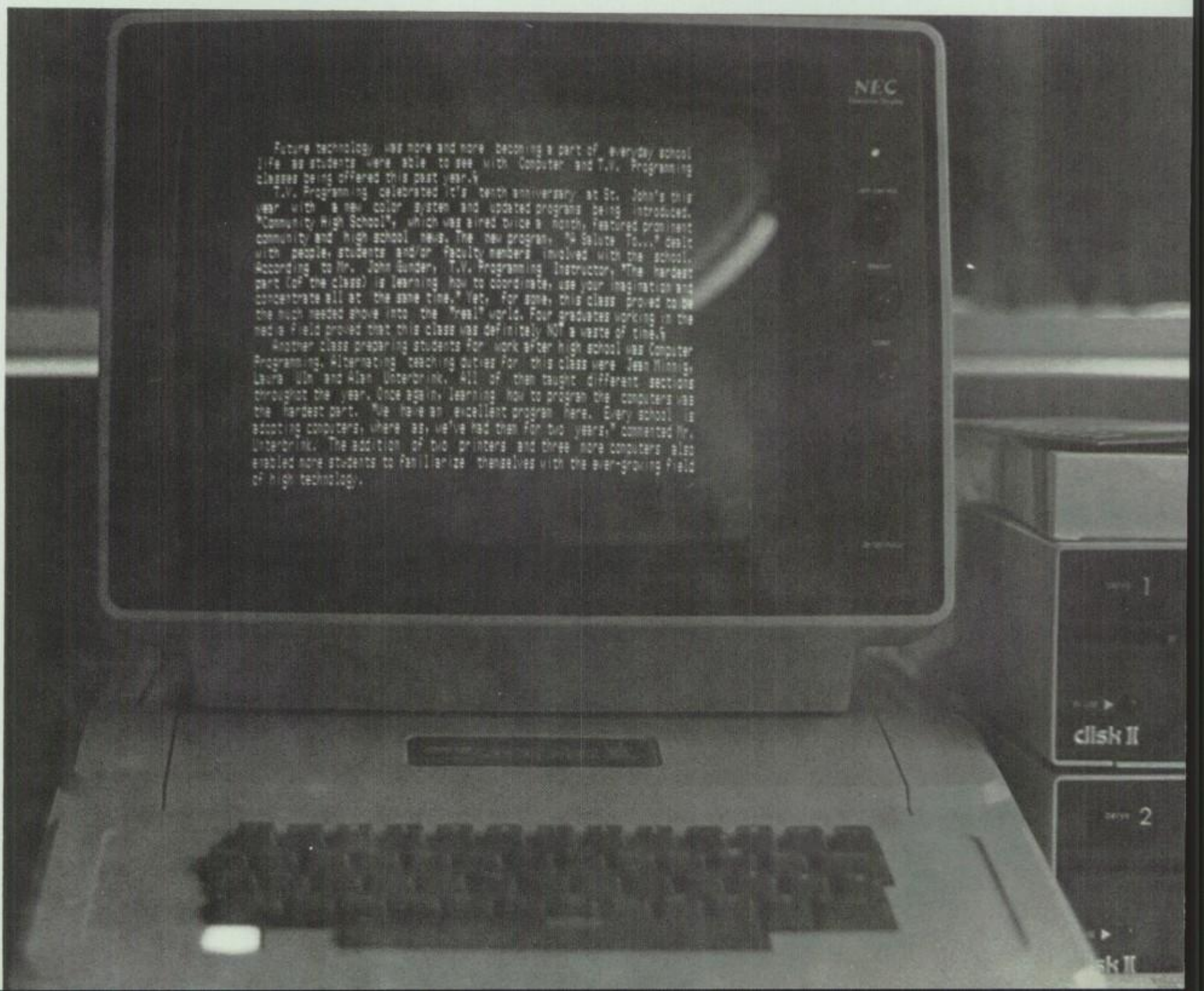
It is this kind of hands-on experience that makes lab courses so unique and informative. No matter if one was working on crayfish or with test tubes, learning seemed easier and more interesting when the subject was displayed before one's own eyes. Under the direction of Mr. Craig McRedmond, biology students had the opportunity to learn in this manner when they dissect such creatures as worms, clams, starfish, grasshoppers and crayfish in addition to other projects such as their leaf collections and family trees which shows genetic traits. For anatomy students, Mr. McRedmond used minks, a human skeleton, and models for his teaching aids.

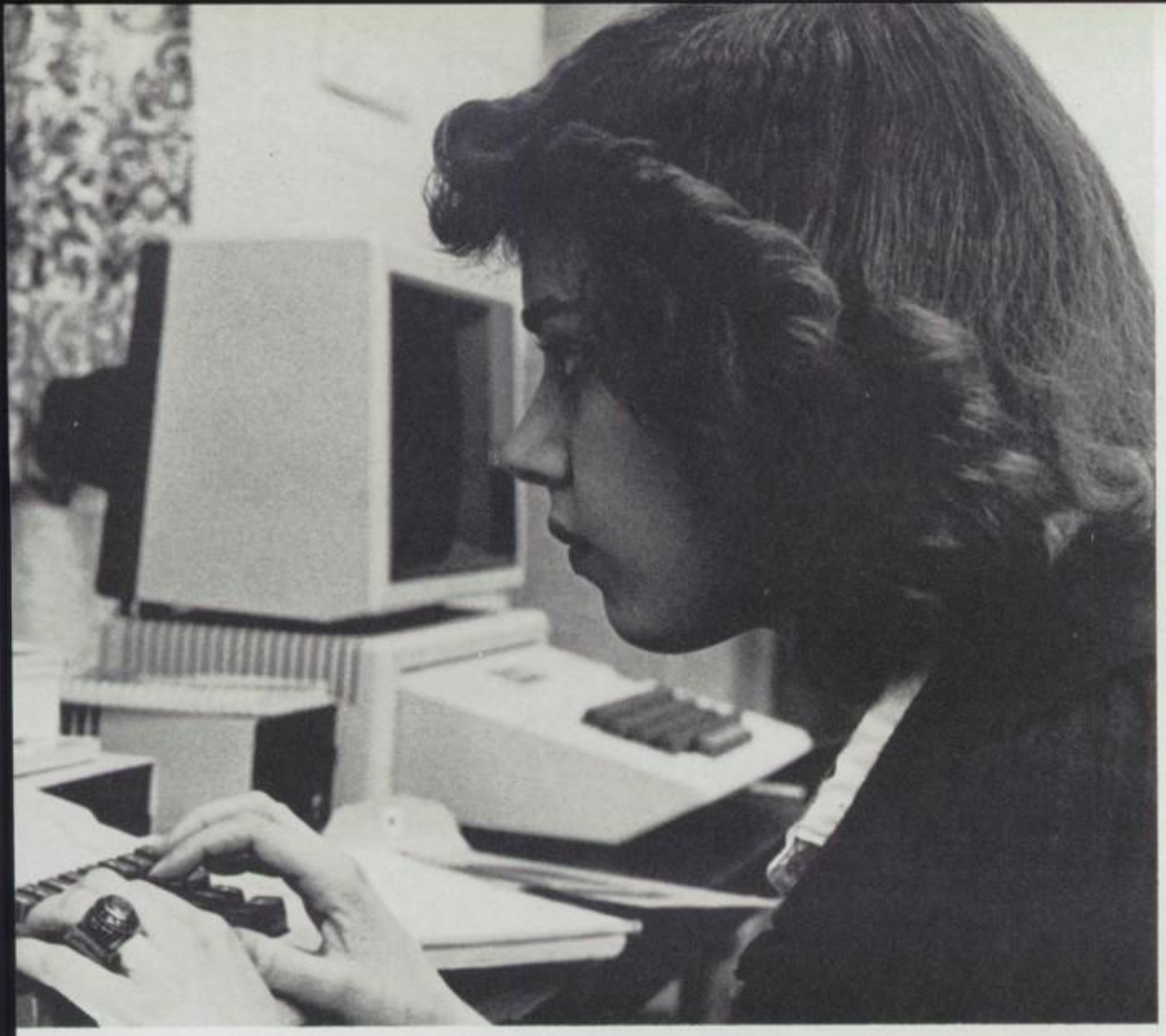
Chemistry students spent a major portion of their class time doing laboratory work such as determining specific heats, paper chromatography, measuring volumes of the gaseous products of reactions, identifying metallic ions, and numerous other experiments under the supervision of Mr. Paul Wiechart. He also taught general science, physical science, and physics. Experimentation did not play the major role in these classes as it did in chemistry, but development of powers of observation was still stressed.

When preparing a schedule for the next year, students often became wary of selecting a science course. These were notorious for being challenging and demanding. Since every student was required to complete a minimum of two science courses in order to graduate, and most colleges require certain classes of this sort before they will enroll a student, these hard classes were still well populated. Even though students did not tend to appreciate science classes while they were taking them former students who have gone on to higher education have expressed thankfulness for them. Excellence in science education always has been a trademark of St. John's. Apparently, the "hands-on" technique works.

Interviewing Father Sidner about his thoughts on the Church Festival are TV Programming students Chris Recker, and Mike Youngpeter.







Seemingly, Julie Grone is working very hard on her computer homework, but if you look very closely you will see that she has other things on her mind, and on her computer screen.

Doing their jobs in the pressbox are announcer Don McGue, TV Programming teacher John Gunder, student Tom Suever, and statisticians Mike Wrasman, and Charlie Rohrbacher.

Filming the open Student Council meeting for TV Programming, Mark Graham carefully looks through the eyepiece at his subjects.

Putting forth his best efforts possible on Science Day is Rob Verhoff as he gives his report on "Friction and Lubricants" to his judges.

Proudly posing for a picture is the District First Place Chemistry Bowl team of Mr. Paul Wiechart, Linda Bergfeld, Joe Niedecken, Carol Kleman and Scott Wellmann.

Nervously awaiting the judges who will evaluate her project "How a Light Bulb Produces Light," Kim Birkemeier glances down the row where Lisa Bauldauf explains the "Embroyology of the White Leghorn Embryo During Incubation." Kim and Lisa both received Good ratings at the state Science Fair.

Chemical Challenges

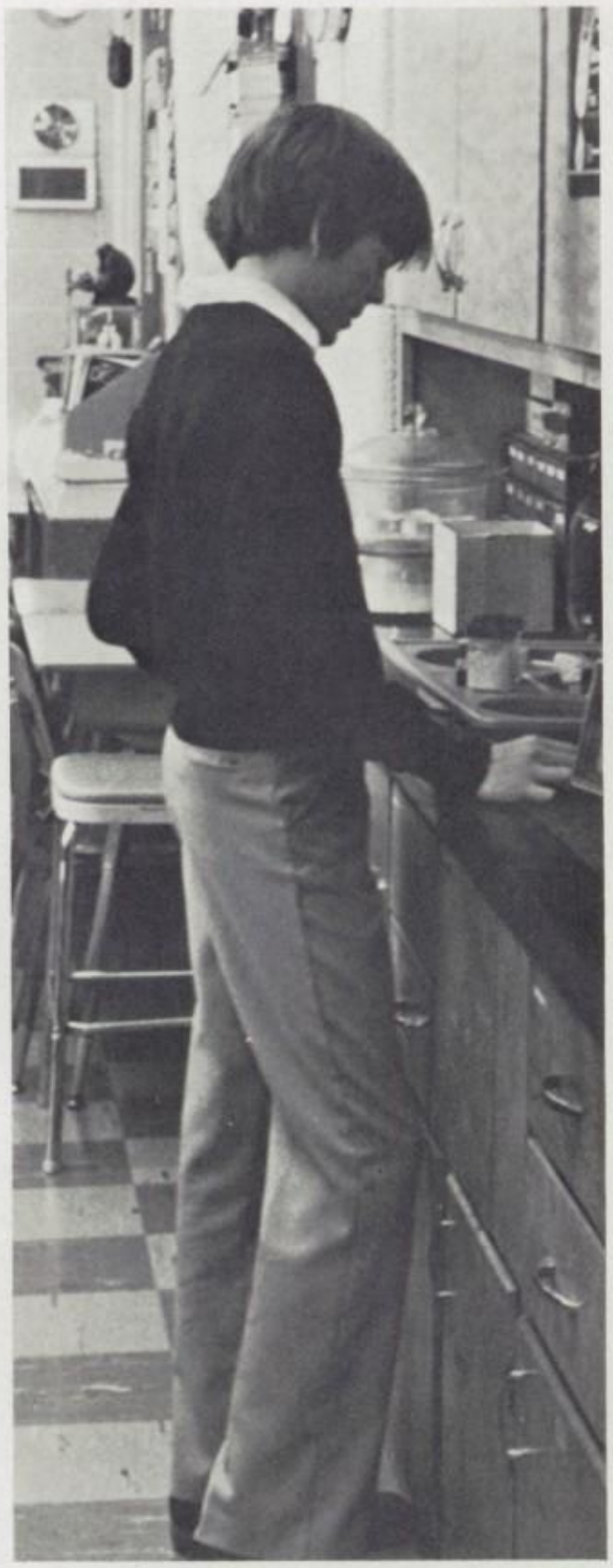
By: Scott Wellmann

Who would have believed that the year would fly by so quickly. Sure we were warned at the beginning of the year that science fair projects would be expected in March and we had to choose topics, write progress reports, and all that. Still, with all the tournament games, who had the time or energy to do a science project . . .

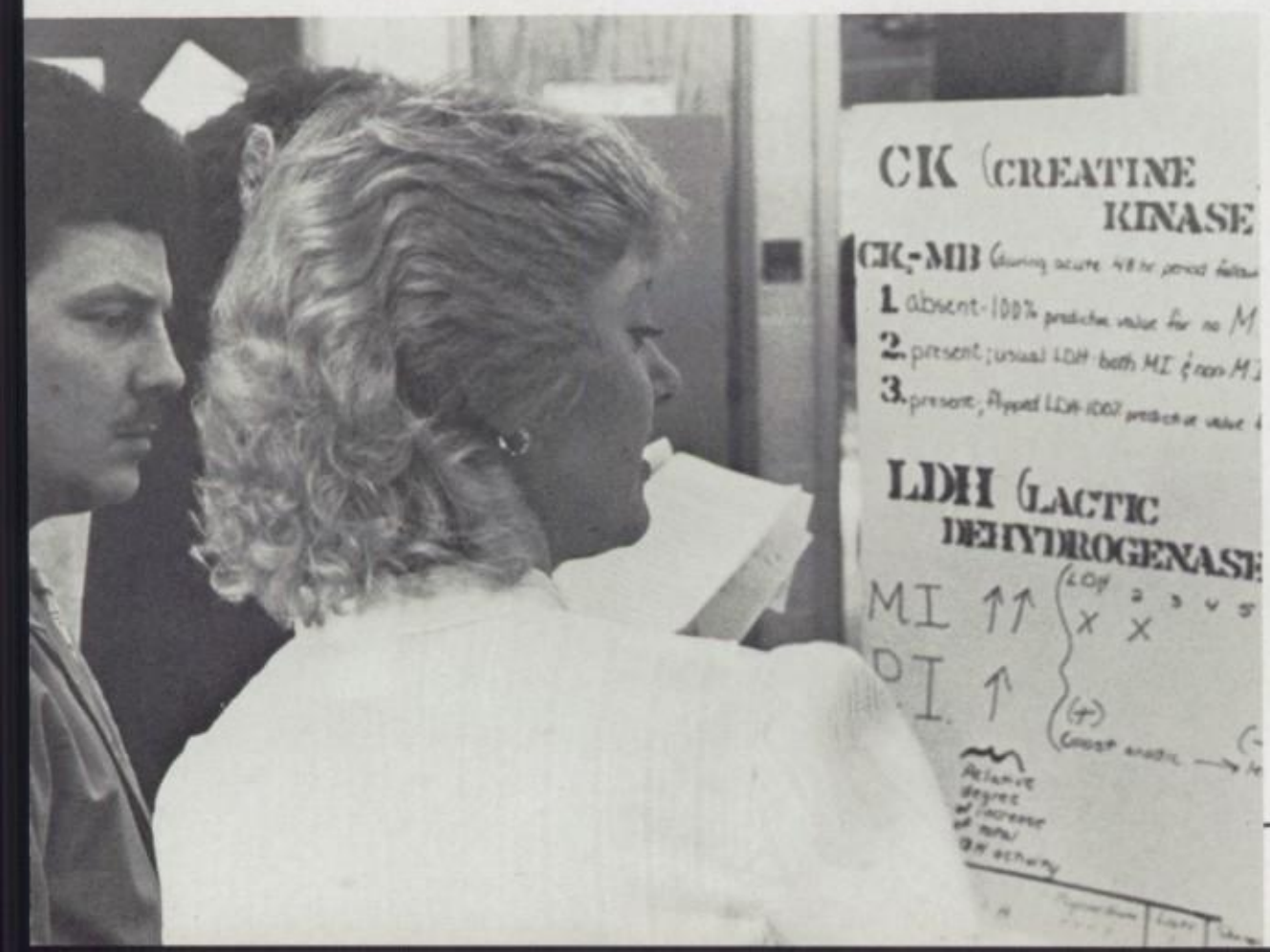
March 7 is just a day away and all I've got are a few blank sheets of typing paper a silent typewriter, and a couple of books on a topic I'm not even that interested in. The report is due in a matter of hours! Why couldn't I do it on nuclear energy? I know we're supposed to have an experiment, but I could learn so much more from some books . . . even if I was just copying all of it word for word. But then if I do manage to get a report written up by tomorrow, how can I get a short explanation ready to be given in class, not to mention preparing a cardboard for a display on Sunday? Between basketball tournament games, the only chance I'll get to draw up a cardboard will be Sunday morning before the Science Fair at 12:30. I couldn't miss the guys playing Kalida Wednesday, or the girls facing Marion Local Thursday. Then, hopefully, they will both be playing again Saturday. For now I'd better just worry about getting this report done. Hey Dad, what do you know about the effects of Dexatrim and Richard Simmons on earthworms?

Seventy-four exhibits were entered in the annual Science Fair dealing with subjects from acid rain to tornados. The report was due Monday, March 7 and each person gave a short overview of his project to the rest of the class during that week. Projects were then judged on March 13 between 12:30 and 2:00. Public viewing of the projects was then held until 4:00. Fourteen students received superiors, thus qualifying them for district competition on April 9 at Ohio Northern University in Ada. Of these, five went on to compete at the state competition held April 30 at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware.

The district science fair was not the only activity science students participated in on April 9 however. This was also the date of the Chemistry Bowl held at Findlay College. Advised by Mr. Paul Wiechart, the team of seniors Linda Bergfeld, Carol Kleman, and captain Joe Niedecken, and junior Scott Wellmann, won the competition for the first time even though several previous teams came in second.



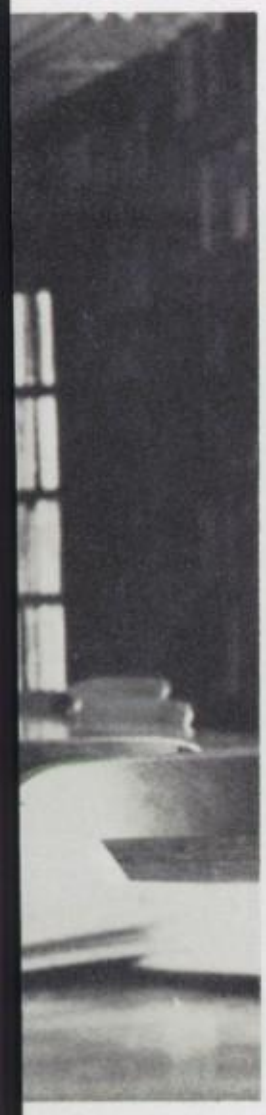
Checking his model and videotape equipment, Chris Gunder tries to make everything perfect before the judges check his project, "Major Stages in Water Treatment." Chris received a Superior at the state Science Fair as did David Vasquez and Scott Wellmann whose projects were "Digital Forecasting in the Delphos Area" and "Hydroponics with Soybeans," respectively.



With the full attention of her judges, Mary Kay Brickner describes the "Diagnostic Use of CK and LDH Isoenzymes" during the Science Fair held on March 13, 1983 in the Chemistry, Physics, and Biology rooms.

Utilizing her study hall in the library, Karen Weber researches arthritis for a term paper for English class.

After depositing forty-five cents into one of the pop machines in the lounge, Eugene Lause reaches to get his can of Pepsi.



When most people think of study hall they think of the lounge where they can take time to relax, where . . .

"It's (Mom) Miller Time!"

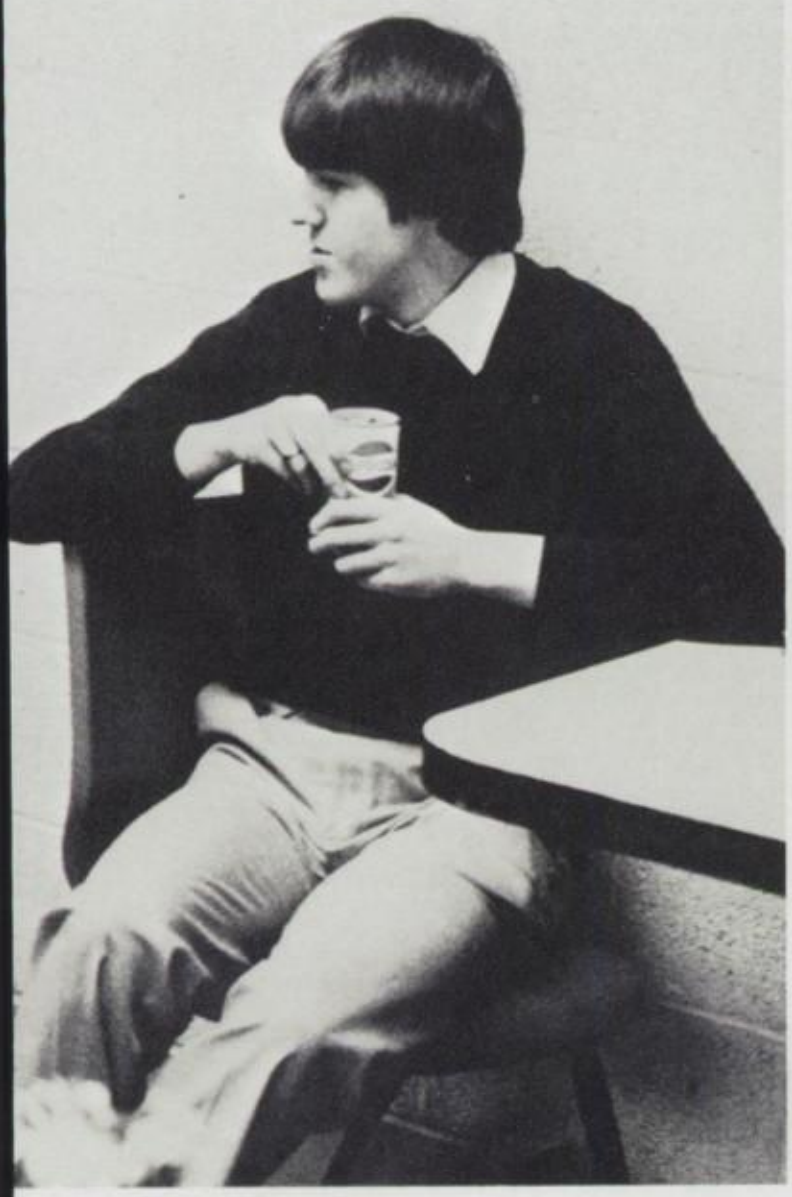
By: Scott Wellmann

Some things never change. Despite major changes in the student lounge, it remained the favorite spot to go during study hall. The most noticeable of these changes was the relocation of the weight room into the lounge. Amy Stemen summed up the general attitude toward the weightroom's new location when she commented, "I don't really like it because it takes up too much room."

Another change in the lounge was the replacement of the pop machines with ones that dispense 12 oz. cans instead of 10 oz. bottles. According to Mrs. "Mom" Miller, Directress of the lounge, this decision was made due to the excessive breakage of bottles and because cans are more convenient to handle. Several people such as Keith Eggeman appreciated the "easier to handle" cans, but others shared Ed Bielawski's opinion that "cans ruin the taste."

Many students desired a different change in the lounge. Although several liked having station 95Q on the radio in the lounge, nearly as many felt that a change was in order. Among these, Criss Wilson voiced the other common favorite, "94 KKI — Crank it up!"

Not everyone spent study hall in the lounge, though. Whenever some last minute cramming for a test or some research needed to be done, the library was the best place to go. Librarians Sr. Mary Ladonna, Mrs. Cathy Degen and assistant librarian Mrs. Bea Jettinghoff helped students find that using the library's resources was not the chore they had expected. No matter where a study hall was spent, however, it never lasted long enough to suit students.



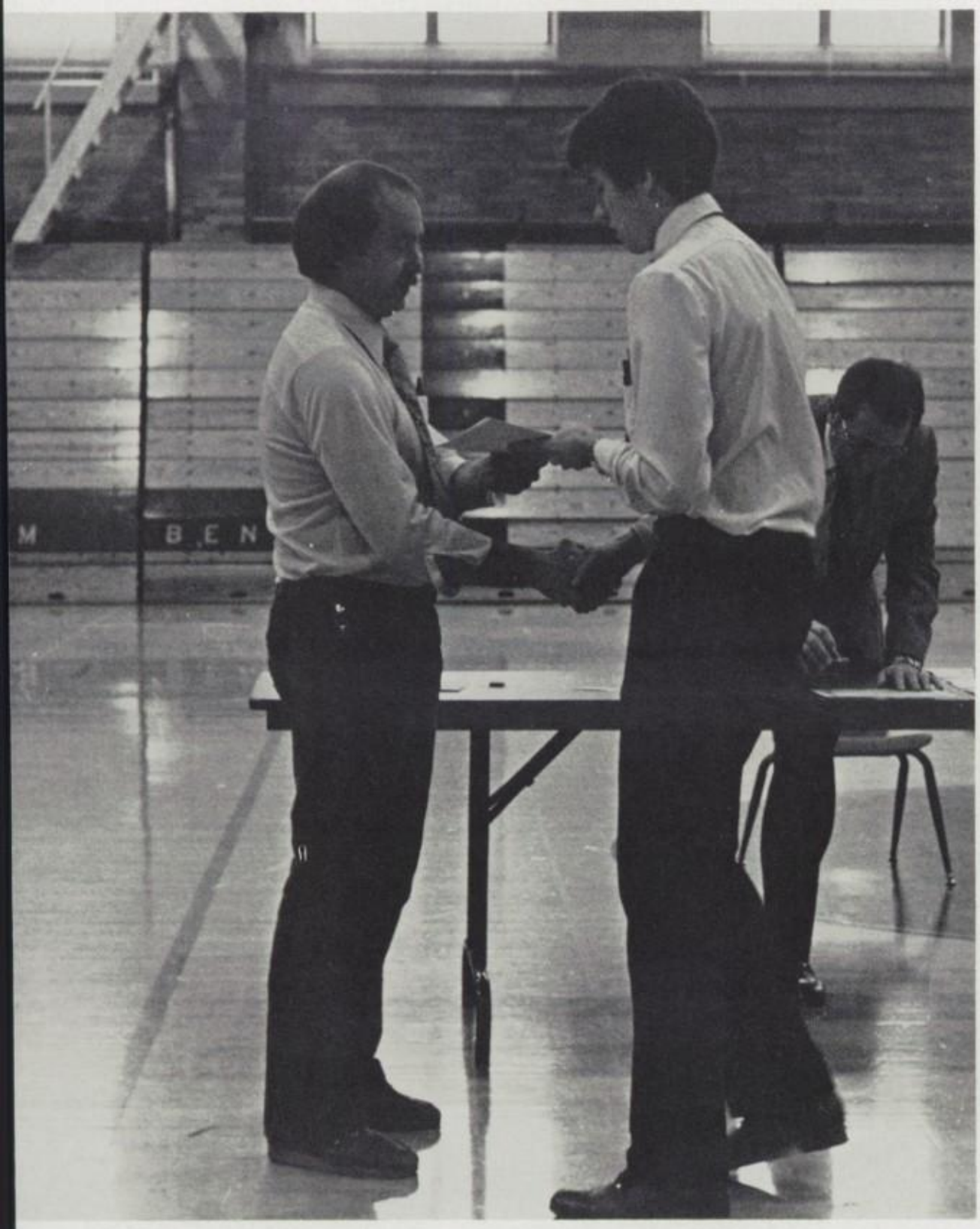
Studying can be fun when it's done with friends as Scott Kunz, Peggy Wauben, and John Hickey show while checking over some physics homework in the lounge during second period study hall.

Silence was the rule, but not always the practice in the library. Lori Harpster, Juanita Best, and Lynn Pothast take a break from studying to catch up on some small talk.

Receiving a Jefferson Art Award for Art I and a Delphos Public Library show in which he won a 3rd and 2nd place ribbon. Steve Adams accepts his honors from presento Mr. Adams.

Mr. Adams presents Mike Kohorst a Jefferson Art Award for Art II, a Lima Mall Certificate of Merit and a Delphos Public Library Show — 2nd place ribbon at the annual Underclassmen Awards Presentation.

Having an average of 73 words per minute with only six mistakes, Sue Hiett receives a silver pin and certificate from Mr. Moorman for her excellence in typing.



Mr. Wiechart presents Scott Wellmann (the only junior on the Chemistry Bowl Team) with a certificate.

Honored to be the 1st person to receive the Mother Teresa of Calcutta Award, Becky Lehman receives her certificate for outstanding service from Mrs. Odenweller.

Underclassmen Awards — The Success

: Erin McRedmond

You know that when the Underclassmen vards Assembly rolls around, that summer is out to begin. Not only is there a feeling of mmer fever, but for the juniors, there is the eling of Senioritis. They have finally reached eir long awaited dream-to be the top of the tem pole. And for the freshmen there's that eling of relief — no more singing and no ore being made a fool of.

The awards presentation took place on a hot ne 4th day. To start the program, Mrs. Warcke presented the band awards, Mr. Adams nded out art awards and FFA awards. Terry Pohlman was recognized as receiving the ar Green Hand Award for FFA. With those awards presented, then came the typing and yearbook awards presented by Mr. Moorman and Mr. McRedmond respectively. Placing first, in Typing I, with only 55 words and only three mistakes was Diana Backus. She received a Gold Pin, a Certificate and the famous Record Award.

No awards assembly is complete without its science awards. Mr. Wiechart did the honors and presented medals to the District Science and to the State Science participants. Then he presented Scott Wellmann with a certificate for being a member on the Chemistry Bowl Team.

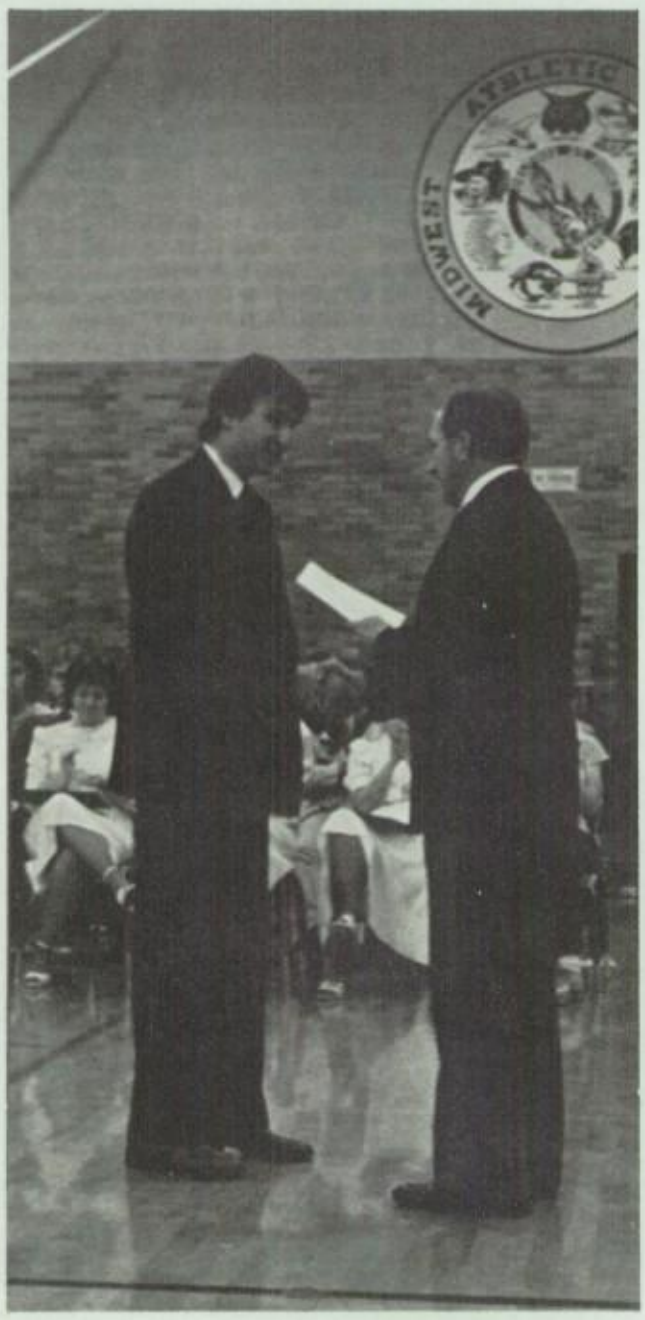
Mr. Funk then presented certificates and pins to the scholarship teams. Several of those people received District and/or State Certificates. In 1st year French, Sandy Schimmoeller placed 10th in the Districts (regardless of school size.) And Scott Wellmann placed first in 1st year Chemistry. Scott also placed 15th in the State for Chemistry.

Following these awards, Miss Haytcher presented the National Honor Society Awards to the officers for next year. Adding a new award to this year's assembly, Mrs. Odenweller presented Becky Lehman with the Mother Teresa of Calcutta Award for Outstanding Service.

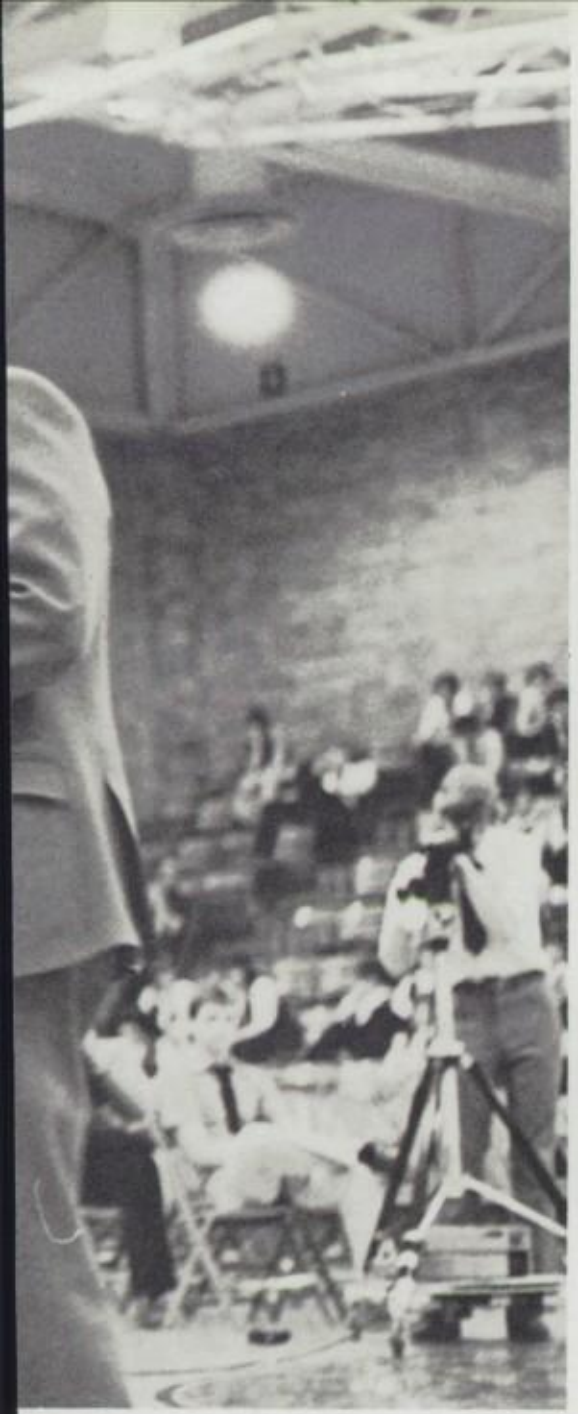
And to bring the program to almost an end, Sister Angelora then handed out Mission pins and Mr. Adams handed out the Student Council pins. To close off the program, he wished everyone a safe summer and dismissed them until next year.

Chemistry, Physics, and Physical Science teacher Mr. Paul Wiechart presents the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award for excellence in science to Chemistry Bowl team captain Joe Niedecken. The Chemistry Bowl team, under Joe's leadership, won first place in their division.

Because the Huffy Award for Outstanding Citizenship was discontinued, a Delphos St. John's Outstanding Citizen Award was developed. This is presented to Mike Metzner by Mr. George Adams for his dedication to the school both athletically and academically.



Four years of hard work finally pay off for Kim Rupert as she is presented the Semper Fidelis award for outstanding musical achievements. Presenting the award is band director Mrs. Rose Mary Warnecke.



Six seniors, Laurie Grone, Patty Lause, Alison Rose, Quint Haunhorst, Dean Fischer, and Kevin Ricker share the rare distinction of never having missed a day of high school. Even rarer is perfect attendance throughout grade school as well which, with the exception of one day, Dean Fischer had.

After Four Years . . .

By: Jenn Heitmeyer

As the seniors filed into the gym packed with parents, underclassmen, and faculty for the Senior Awards Assembly May 27th, they knew it would be one of the last times they would be together as a class. But that thought hardly dampened the spirit of the day. There were, as always, the predictions and expectations as to who would be presented what award. There were also the silent hopes of individuals up for scholarships and grants. And as each faculty member approached the podium to present his or her award, fingers were crossed and palms became sweaty, until the award winners were announced and sighs of relief could be breathed. Disappointments were to be expected, but they were overshadowed by the strong support each award winner received from fellow classmates.

Accepting the Bishop's Gold Cross Award for Excellence in Religion from Fr. Sidner is Karen Kimmet. Karen was chosen for the award, in its first year at St. John's, because of her performance on a written exam and then in an individual interview.

Along with the usual awards, there were several new ones including the Bishop's Gold Cross to Karen Kimmet, the DeKalb and Star Chapter Farmer Awards to Kevin and Randy Pohlman, the Delphos St. John's Outstanding Citizenship Award to Mike Metzner, and Certificates of Appreciation from the city to Student Council Pres. Joe Niedecken and Missions Pres. Jenn Heitmeyer for their roles in city wide projects. Three guest speakers were also present to present their awards: Mr. Denny Elwer, the Irene Barnett NBC scholarship to Erin McRedmond, Mrs. Theresa Alspaugh, Delphos Lioness Grant to Kelly Suever, and Police Chief Dennis Kimmet, Police Auxiliary Award to Charles Luersman. Awards for outstanding achievement in school organizations and activities were also announced, the Semper Fidelis Award (band) to Kim Rupert, and the Directors Award (class play) to Beth Kaskel.

Though wrestling is very much an individual sport, team support is a vital factor in providing the wrestler with that extra mental drive. Scott Wessel, Quint Haunhorst, Joe Niedecken, Kevin Buettner and Keith Buettner shout helpful advice to a fellow team mate during a home wrestling match.

THE GRIND

Whether you sat on the bleachers wrapped in blankets or stood at the sidelines heavily padded — you felt it.

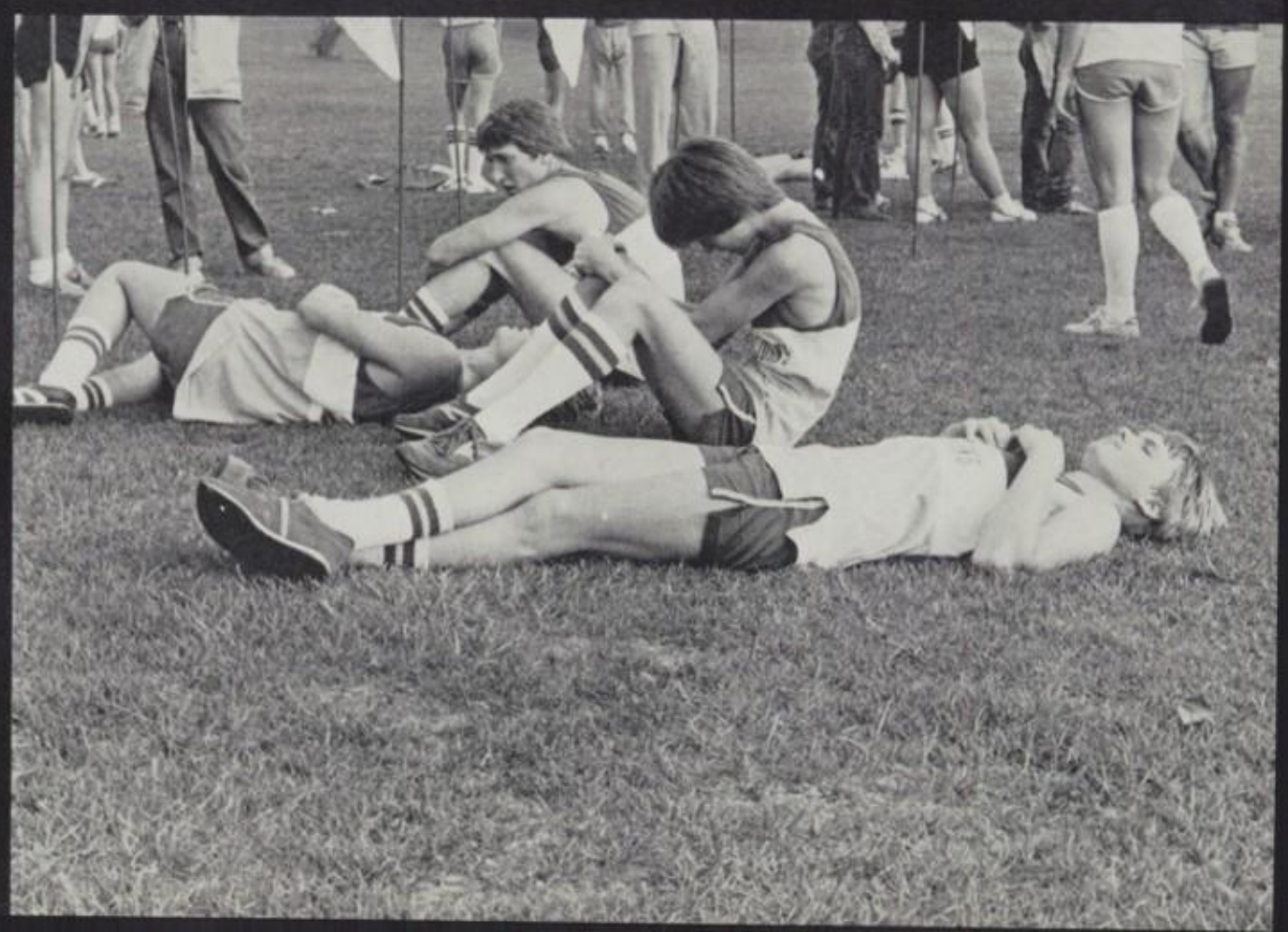
Whether you screamed cheers until you were hoarse in T-shirts and jeans or screamed calls on the court in shorts and high tops — you felt it.

Even though it was a new year and a new league, the athletes at SJH had a reputation to live up to — a reputation for winning, and you could certainly feel it in the air at every game. Our athletes knew this and they didn't disappoint anyone: but pleasantly surprised many.

These pleasant surprises came in the form of three trips to Columbus for state Championship Tournaments. Beginning March 11 and 12, and continuing through March 25 and 26, St. John's Arena in Columbus became more of a home to Blue Jay fans than St. John's High School in Delphos. But the results were worth it. We brought home one State Champs trophy along with two sets of semi finalists: no school could have asked for more. — By: The Editors

Often, sitting on the bench can be more nerve wracking than actually playing. Linda Ebbeskotte tries to relieve a little of the tension by fiddling with her gum.

Hours of practice still can't ease the pain that comes with the finish of the 3.1 mile cross country run. The Marion Local and St. Henry match proved no exception as is shown by Bart Baldauf, Russ Pohlman, Mitch Markward and Terry J. Pohlman.



Giving it that little extra that is needed to finish the race, Mark Graham and Teresa Von Deylen complete the 3.1 miles.

Sticking close together during the race, freshmen Doug Rode and Tim Menke show why they are number two and three runners.

Running can sometimes be a lonely task as senior Kevin Rick finds himself alone on the course.

Digging Deeper

By: Steve Pohlman

Two things were on the minds of the Jays runners before the season started. The fact they were entering a new league, and the increase in length of the course from 2.5 miles to 3.1 miles made the whole team dig much deeper mentally and physically. While being led by solo senior Kevin Ricker and freshman Matt Scarr, the harriers compiled an overall record of 3-10. Although only winning two of their league meets, the runners managed to finish fourth in the MAC tournament run off. Matt Scarr represented the runners well, as he did all season.

A new dimension entered the running picture this year as a girls team was started and ran in competition for the first time, against other schools. They were led by junior Monica Ruen even though the girls compiled an overall record of 0-2.

Entering the tournament, the runners were optimistic on how they would fare. The boys team was competing against twelve other teams in the se tionals. Here they had a strong finish by placi fourth. The girls team however, had a little tough time of it, they finished fourth out of five teams. Bo the boys and the girls teams placed runners in t sectional tournament advancing them to the di tricts. These two runners were Monica Ruen, placi ninth, and Matt Scarr, placing sixth. In the distri run off, Monica Ruen placed 18th and Matt Sca 39th respectively. Obtaining awards on this yea team were, Matt Scarr and Monica Ruen, receivi all league honors for their fine performances throug out the year. Senior Kevin Ricker also received award for being captain of the team.

Coaching this years harriers were, head coa Dave Alt and assistant coaches Fr. Dave Bruning a Chuck Krummel. With only one senior graduating both boys and girls team, we can expect fine thin and strong finishes in the years to come.

Front Row: Joe Vonderwell, Terry Pohlman, Jim Lindeman, Matt Scarr, Tim Menke, Doug Rode, Jim Giesken, Tim Goergens, 2nd Row: Todd Gable, Eugene Lause, Lori Harpster, Monica Ruen, Teresa Von Deylen, Kathleen Ruen, Bev Hilvers, Russ Pohlman, Mitch Markward. Back Row: Coach Dave Alt, Steve Hellman, Bart Baldauf, Kevin Ricker, Scott Wellmann, Tom Cross, Mark Graham, Tim Geise, Tom Goergens, Coach Chuck Krummel, Coach Fr. Dave Bruning.
Photo by Dukes

Varsity Cross Country 3-10

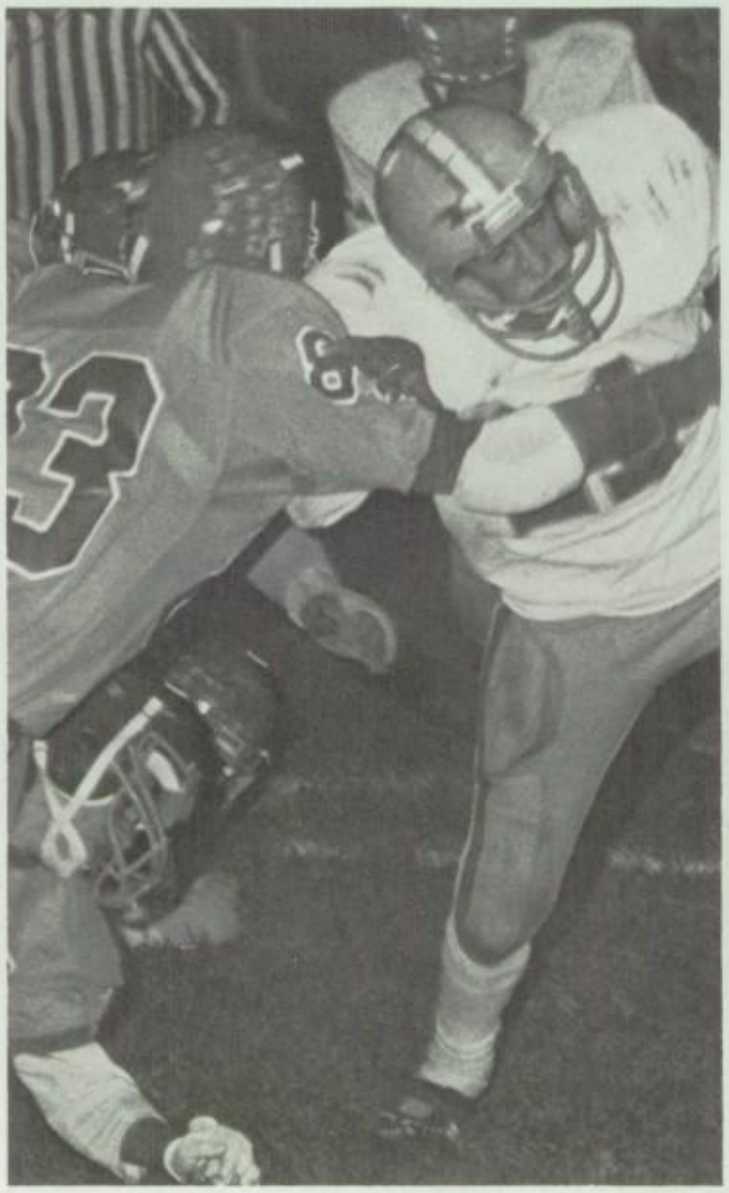
Bluffton def. SJH 17-46
O.G. def. SJH 19-36
Ada def. SJH 19-41
Riverdale def. SJH 20-35
Van Wert def. SJH 16-27
Defiance def. SJH 18-45
Shawnee def. SJH 18-38
O.G. def. SJH 18-37
L.C.C. def. SJH 20-37
Marion Local def. SHJ 24-33
St. Henry def. SJH 15-45
Coldwater def. SJH 16-47
Minster def. SJH 22-33
Lincolnview def. SJH 16-39
SJH def. Kalida 15-50
SJH def. Ohio City forfeit
Celina Inv. 7th of 11
Spencerville Inv. 11th of 14
Lima Relays 9th of 10
Van Wert Inv. 7th of 10
MAC Tourn. 4th of 10
Sec. Tourn. 6th of 13
(Low Score Wins)

Pushing himself to keep going Doug Rode finds himself running in some rough areas.

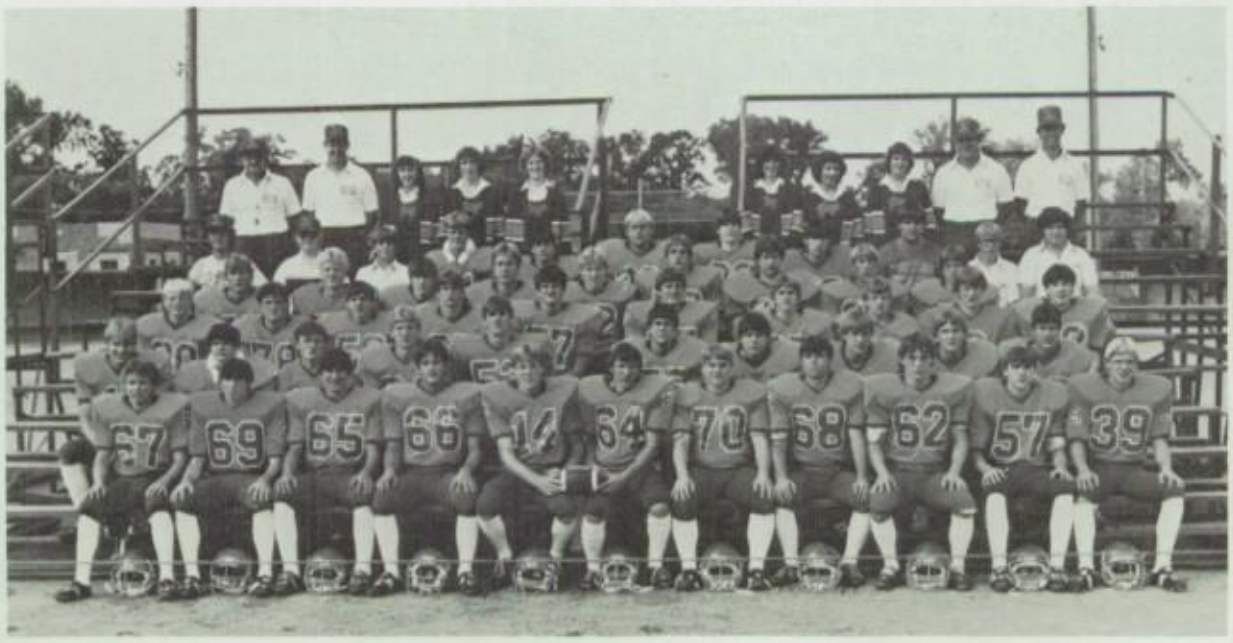
With a little added effort sophomore Tim Geise finally reaches the top of the hill.

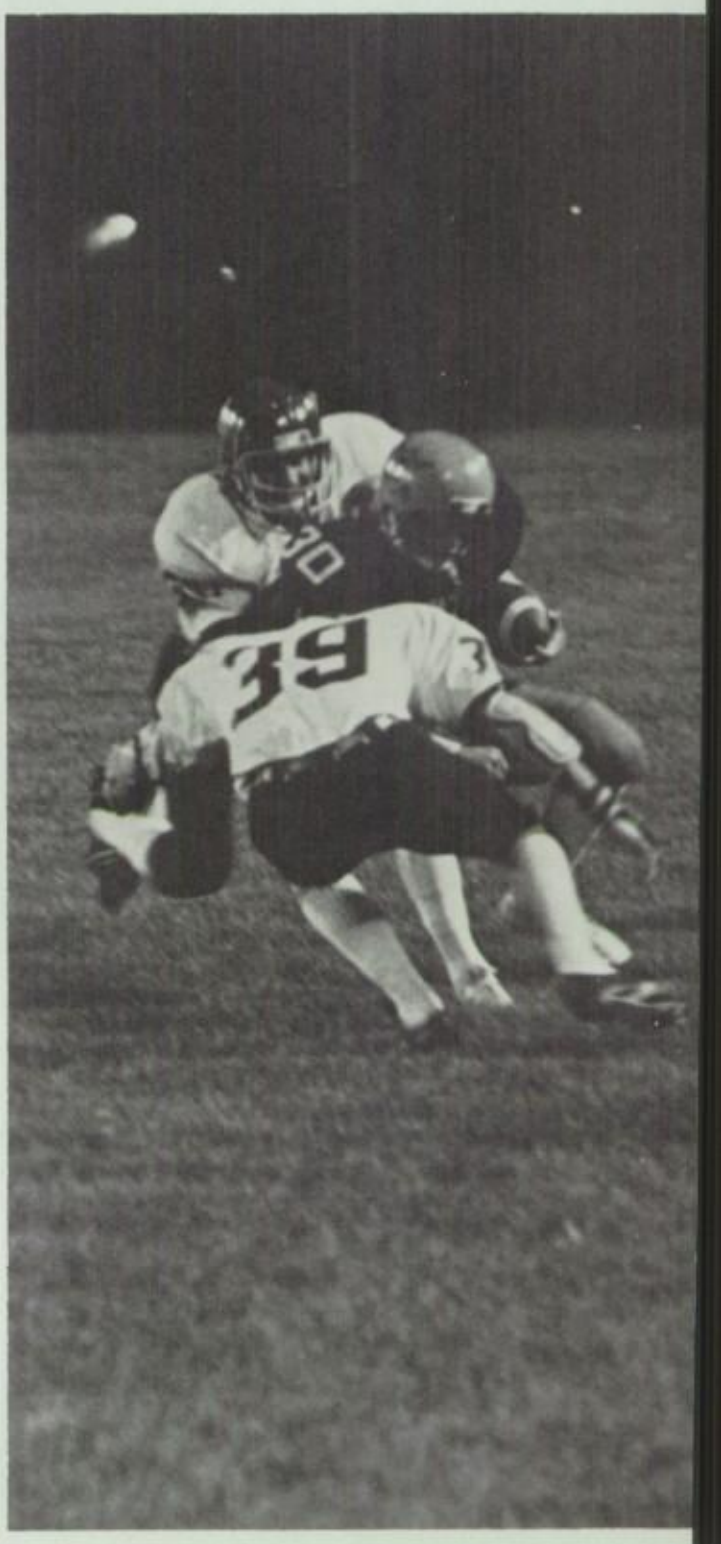
Plowing through the St. Henry line, Scot Deffenbaugh (34) strives for that extra yard. St. John's won 14-7.

Showing that he can play defense as well as offense, Jeff Osting (83) makes the tackle with the help of Matt Burnett (66).



1st Row: Duane Schulte, Dan Lindeman, Kevin Pohlman, Matt Burnett, Greg Williams, Nick Wrasman, Steve Heiing, Shawn Blankemeyer, Quint Haunhorst, Chris Recker, Mike Youngpeter. 2nd Row: Charlie Klausing, Mark Bridges, Chris Kill, Kevin Dickrede, Jim Grothouse, Glen Pohlman, Scot Deffenbaugh, Buddy Bertling, Mark Buettner, Jeff Osting. 3rd Row: Criss Wilson, Chuck Metcalfe, Keith Buettner, Tim Metzger, Andy Vonderembse, Tim Reindel, Jim Cavelage, Jim Mager, Frank Mertalsmann, Alan Beining. 4th Row: Dave Zalar, Tom Kroeger, Dan Goergens, Scot Wieging, Jeff Schwieterman, Don Gordon, Doug Adams, Joe Wrasman, Tab Fischbach. 5th Row: Mike Metcalfe Tr., Frank German Tr., Mike Gable Mngr., Kevin Knebel, John Klausing, Ray Bonifas, Ed Bielawski, Scott Wessel, Paul Hale, Dave Hohman Mngr., Jim Metcalfe Tr. 6th Row: Asst. Coach George Adams, Asst. Coach Gary Miller, Deanne Kaverman, Kelly Gallmeier, Darlene Berres, Nadine Honigford, Liz Maloney, Diane Hirn, Head Coach Rod Moorman, Asst. Coach Jack Westrich. photo by Ashby





Closing in on his man, Mike Youngpeter (39) makes an open fi tackle, as Kevin Pohlman assists.

The offensive line listens to coach Moorman as he goes o blocking assignments.

NEW LEAGUE, NEW LOOK

y Kevin Geise

Nobody knew how well a team that went 1-9 the revious year would respond the following year. A eam that would be leaving a tough Western Buck-ye League and stepping into a respected Midwest thletic Conference did the unexpected, at least om a skeptic's viewpoint.

There were a few though, that knew they could ccomplish what hadn't been accomplished for 6 ears . . . a winning season. Not only did they attain is goal, but proved many wrong by turning out a 7- record and earning a 2nd place tie with Marion ocal in the MAC.

A team heavily supported by seniors, the most nce 1977, and a lot of juniors — did not know at he beginning of the season how strong their poten-al was. After 3 scrimmages, Ottawa Glandorf, Bry-n, and Ayersville, the Blue Jays began to realize that haybe things were going to be better this year.

Using the Wing-T offense and the Over-shift 5-2 efense, the Blue Jays began their season. A very ose shave with pre-season favorite Bath, the Jays ere beaten 13-6 after having been stopped on the ath 1 yard line . . . but the next game with favorite AA Toledo Devilbiss the Jays put their act together and defeated the Tigers from Toledo 14-12. From then on they shined, winning 6 games. A tough loss to the Marion Local Flyers 12-14 put the MAC in a 3 way race for the league championship. Going into the last game they found themselves in a showdown with the Coldwater Cavaliers for all the marbles. In 32° weather they gave the Cavaliers a good fight but ended up on the short end of the contest, losing 10-24 and finishing with a 5-2 league record.

Receiving league honors this year for the Jays were; 1st team: Scot Deffenbaugh — running back, Quint Haunhorst — nose guard, Kevin Pohlman — defensive end, Chris Recker — offensive guard, Dave Zalar — linebacker. 2nd team: Matt Burnett — defensive tackle, Tim Metzger — linebacker, Jeff Osting — receiver, Nick Wrasman — offensive guard. Honorable mention: Mark Bridges — defensive tackle, Tom Kroeger — defensive end, Jim Mager — defensive back, Frank Mertalsmann — kicker, Tim Reindel — flanker, Greg Williams — quarterback.

Receiving state UPI honors were; 2nd team: Matt Burnett — defensive tackle. Honorable mention: Quint Haunhorst — nost guard, Jeff Osting — receiver, Kevin Pohlman — defensive end, Greg Williams — quarterback.

"***Going into a*** new league gave the team the extra needed confidence. Winning made it all worth while. A new attitude was established in the football program at St. John's." — Greg Williams

Varsity Football (7-3)
MAC League (4-2)

SJH	6	Bath	13
SJH	14	Devilbiss	12
SJH	28	Ottawa Hills	7
SJH	7	New Bremen	0
SJH	24	Delta	6
SJH	13	Parkway	6
SJH	14	St. Henry	7
SJH	12	Marion Local	14
SJH	42	Minster	20
SJH	10	Coldwater	24

Never Say Die

by Kevin Trentman

This years varsity volleyball team had another successful season and ended with a 15-9 record. Entering the new MAC league added many good teams to the Jay's already tough schedule. They had some close losses but still proved their competiveness with a 6-3 league record and a third place finish.

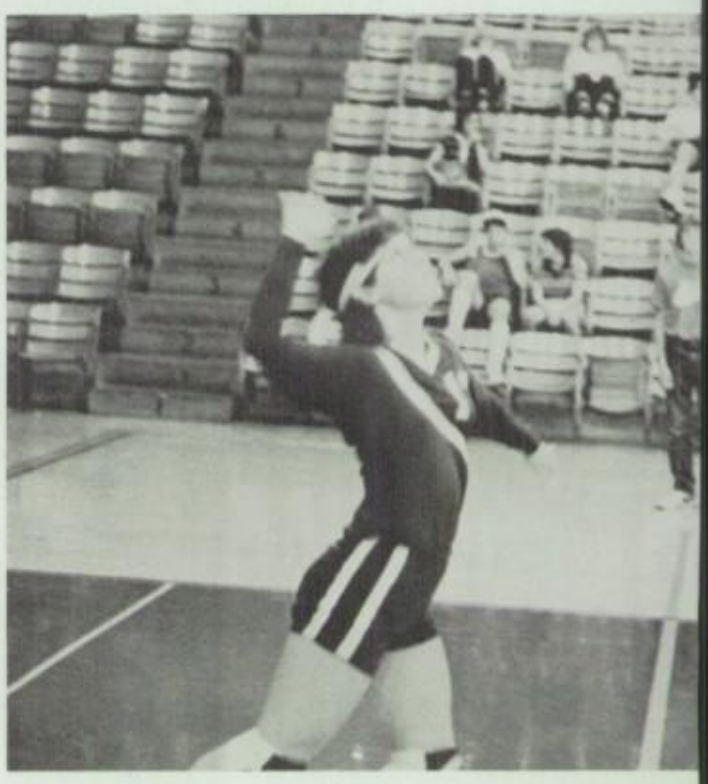
To start the season off right, some varsity players went to a summer camp at New Knoxville. They had a week of conditioning and a chance to learn some new and valuable techniques. Meeting and making friends with girls from the new league made for a highly emotional game against New Knoxville. In the hard fought contest, the Jays moved and worked together to prevail 15-8, 15-13. The season held many other exciting games including the game against undefeated St. Henry. Many fans came to cheer them on and even made a tunnel onto the gym floor to show their support. The Jays played with determination but fell short of victory, 17-15, 15-11.

Finishing out the season, the Jays had their minds set on tournaments, where they were seeded second in the district. They won their first game and had high hopes, but were hit with a disappointing loss in the sectional finals. Even with the loss, they could still look back to a team with much pride in each other and many great moments.

After the season many of the players were recog nized for their excellent seasonal play. Captains Jo Suever and Linda Bergfeld received first team MA honors and Honorable Mention District 8 games.

Thinking about next year, the Jays are lookin forward to an even more successful season with a abundance of returning talent and setting many the same hopes and goals.

Showing complete concentration, Captain Linda Bergfeld pr pares to serve for a possible ace.

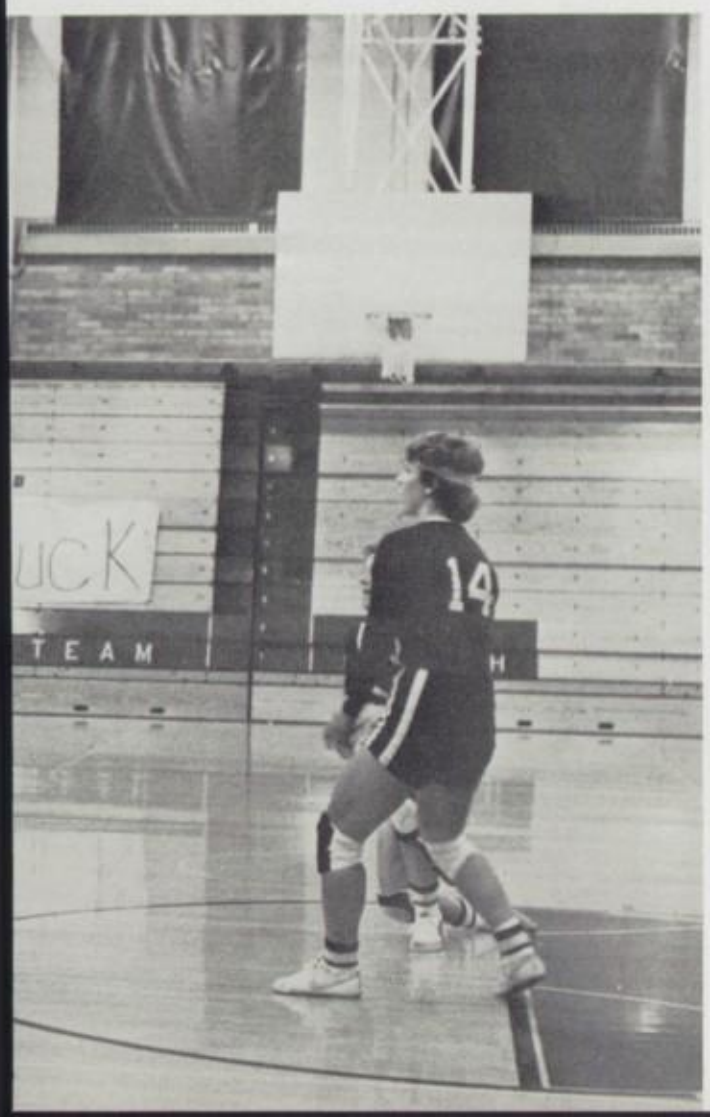


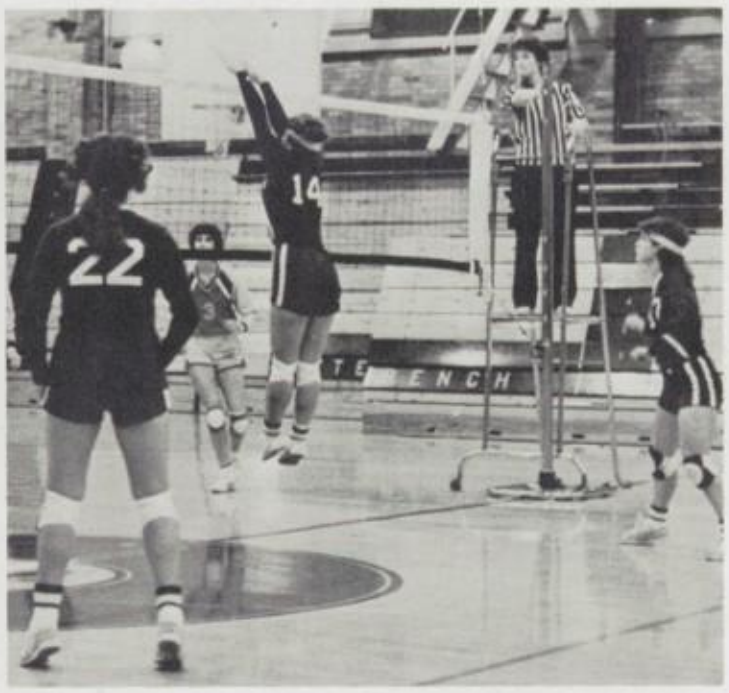
Front Row: stats, Karen Weinken, Teresa Stocklin, Sheila Mox, Lisa Geier; Second Row: Connie Fuerst, Coach Jean Kramer, Katrina Weber; Third Row: Kathy Ebbeskotte, Karen Weber, Laura Krendl, manager; Sharon Heitz, Amy Mueller; Fourth Row: Linda Bergfeld, Lisa Baldauf, Joy Suever; Fifth Row: Barb Wrasman; Back Row: Pam Gerdeman Photo by Dukes

Setting up Joy Suever for a possible spike, Karen Weber tries to help the netters on to victory.

Varsity Volleyball	**15-9**
MAC	**6-3**

New Breman def. SJH 11-15, 15-8, 15-9
SJH def. Lincolnview 15-0, 15-2
SJH def. Van Wert 15-9, 15-3
SJH def. Ft. Jennings 15-10, 15-11
SJH def. Miller City 15-7, 15-3
SJH def. New Knoxville 15-8, 15-13
SJH def. Ft. Recovery 16-14, 15-9
Elida def. SJH 19-17, 15-8
Marion Local def. SJH 13-15, 15-13, 15-7
SJH def. LCC 15-8, 15-13
Kalida def. SJH 15-11, 10-15, 15-2
Archbold def. SJH 15-8, 15-4
SJH def. Parkeay 15-6, 15-4
SJH def. Minster 7-15, 15-10, 15-12
Celina def. SJH 8-15, 15-11, 16-14
SJH def. Bryan 15-8, 15-13
SJH def. Mendon Union 15-13, 15-4
St. Henry def. SJH 15-7, 15-11
Ottoville def. SJH 17-15, 15-12
SJH def. Bath 15-11, 9-15, 15-5
SJH def. Paulding 15-0, 15-13
SJH def. Coldwater 15-11, 15-13
SJH def. Antwerp 15-10, 15-4
Hicksville def. SHJ 15-5, 14-16, 16-14



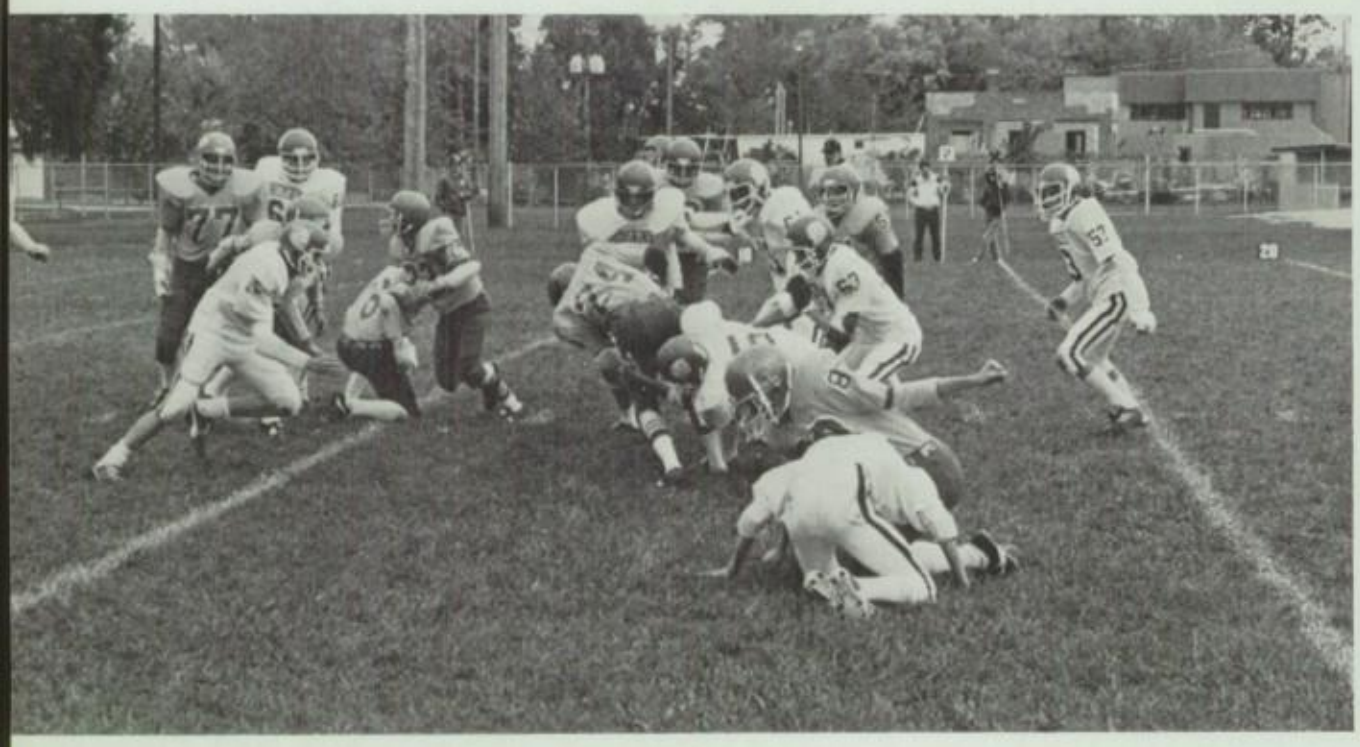


Jumping high into the air, Junior Katrina Weber blocks the ball as Linda Bergfeld and Joy Suever prepare to help out.

Showing the proper way to bump, Lisa Baldauf tries to get the ball across the net as Sharon Heitz and Katrina Weber ready themselves.

First Row: Paula Schlereth, Coach Laura Ulm, Julie Wrasman. 2nd Row: Amy Hohman, Cheryl Moenter, Jill Etgen, Jodi Mueller, Elaine Fuerst. 3rd Row: Jodi Horstman, Linda Ebbeskotte, Julie Metzner. 4th Row: Dana Kill Top: Sara Schulte.

Fighting for extra yardage, Steve Fortener runs behind the offensive line.



Reserves Hit New Heights

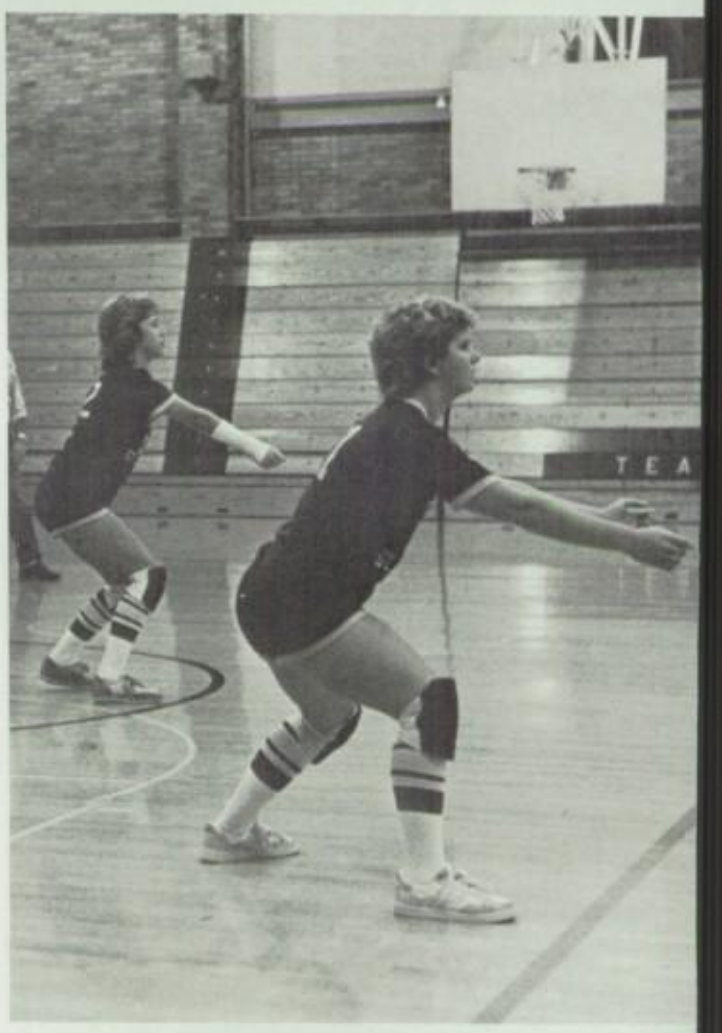
Reserve Football			5-1-1
MAC League			4-0-1
SJH	6	Kenton	38
SJH	21	New Breman	6
SJH	14	Eaton	0
SJH	28	St. Henry	14
SJH	34	Parkway	21
SJH	7	Marion Local	7
SJH	14	Minster	6

By: Chris Kill

To look at football and volleyball and find any similarities seems something impossible but this year's connection was winning. Reserves Volleyball and Football brought much anticipation for a bright looking future.

The football squad for the first time had freshman players. With these young quality players, in addition to some experienced sophomores and juniors, the team ran off an overall record of 5-1-1. In the league, they went 4-0-1 to win the Reserve Football MAC Championship. The team was coached by Kirk Looser, Tony Wrasman, and Tom Mershman.

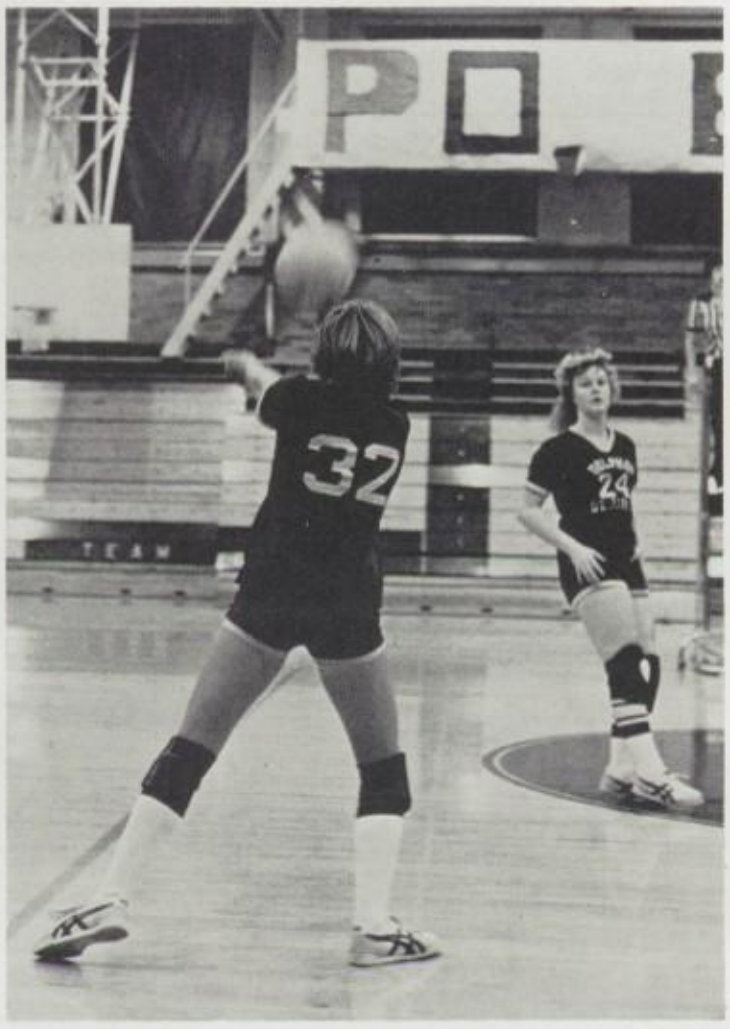
Showing a new face for Reserve Volleyball, Laura Ulm became new head coach for the team. Mrs. Ulm, a former volleyball player herself for St. John's, coached the reserves to an impressive 17-5 record. This high achievement came by winning their first 8 out of 10 games and by ending the season killing 7 out of 8 opponents.



Waiting for an oncoming serve Jodi Horstman and Sara Schu prepare to receive.

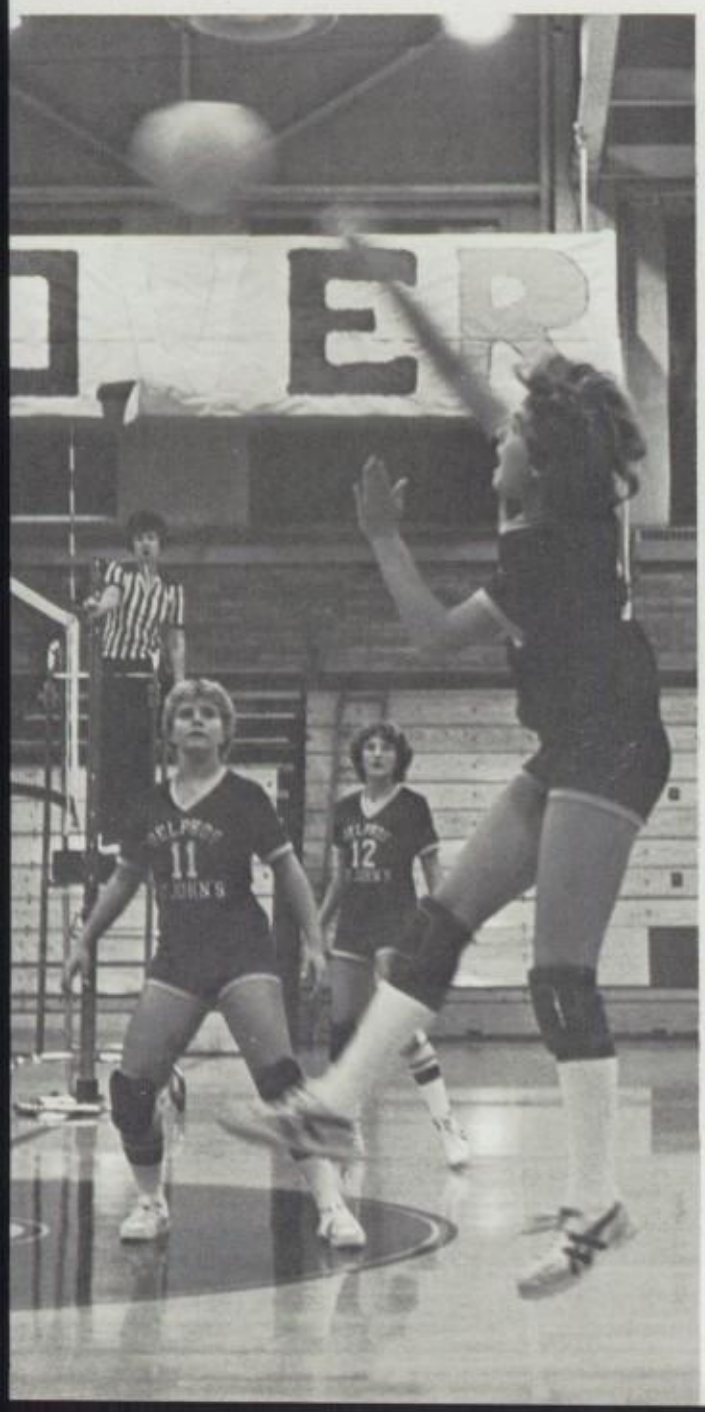
Going to the air, Jeff Schwieterman passes to Matt Eley for the reception on route to 28-14 victory.

Showing the teamwork involved in volleyball, Julie Metzner gives a bump setting spike to Elaine Fuerst for the kill.



Reserve Volleyball	17-5
MAC League	6-3

SJH def. New Breman 15-1, 15-10
SJF def. Lincolnview 15-4, 15-1
SJH def. Fort Jennings 15-4, 15-3
Van Wert def. SJH 15-11, 12-15, 15-8
SJH def. Miller City 15-11, 15-11
New Knox def. SJH 8-15, 15-13, 15-13
SJH def. Fort Recovery 15-6, 15-7
SJH def. Elida 15-11, 15-11
SJH def. Marion Local 15-1, 15-0
SJH def. L.C.C. 15-3, 15-8
Archbold def. SJH 15-12, 15-8
SJH def. Kalida 15-3, 15-9
SJH def. Parkway 15-12, 15-2
Minster def. SJH 15-9, 15-13
SJH def. Celina 15-3, 15-9
SJH def. Bryan 15-7, 15-2
SJH def. Mendon Union 15-3, 15-0
St. Henry def. SJH 15-6, 15-4
SJH def. Ottoville 15-3, 14-16, 15-9
SJH def. Beth 15-5, 15-9
SJH def. Paulding 15-3, 15-1
SJH def. Coldwater 15-0, 15-11

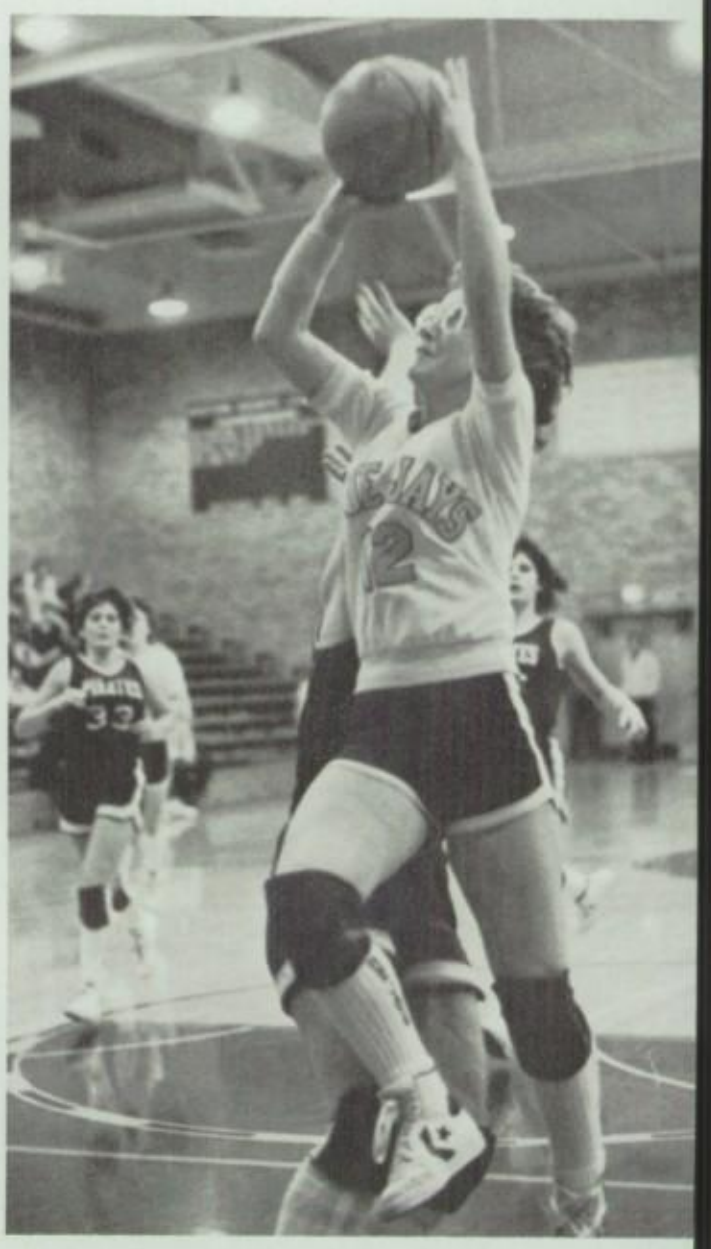


First Row: Matt Eley, Chris Gunder, Scott King, Matt Wrasman, Todd Hines, Dale Pohlman, Brian Freund. 2nd Row: Tim Fischer, Roger Kaverman, Greg Wilson, Matt Jettinghoff, Steve Adams, Jeff Klausing, Tom Wrocklage, Steve Martz, Larry Deitering, Greg Odenweller. 3rd Row: Coach Tony Wrasman, Doug Williams, Steve Fortener, Steve Hoehn, Blake Roxlau, Kevin Hessling, Ron Vonderembse, Mark Wegesin, Todd Rode, Steve Davis, Mark Wurst, Coach Tom Mershman, Coach Kirk Looser.

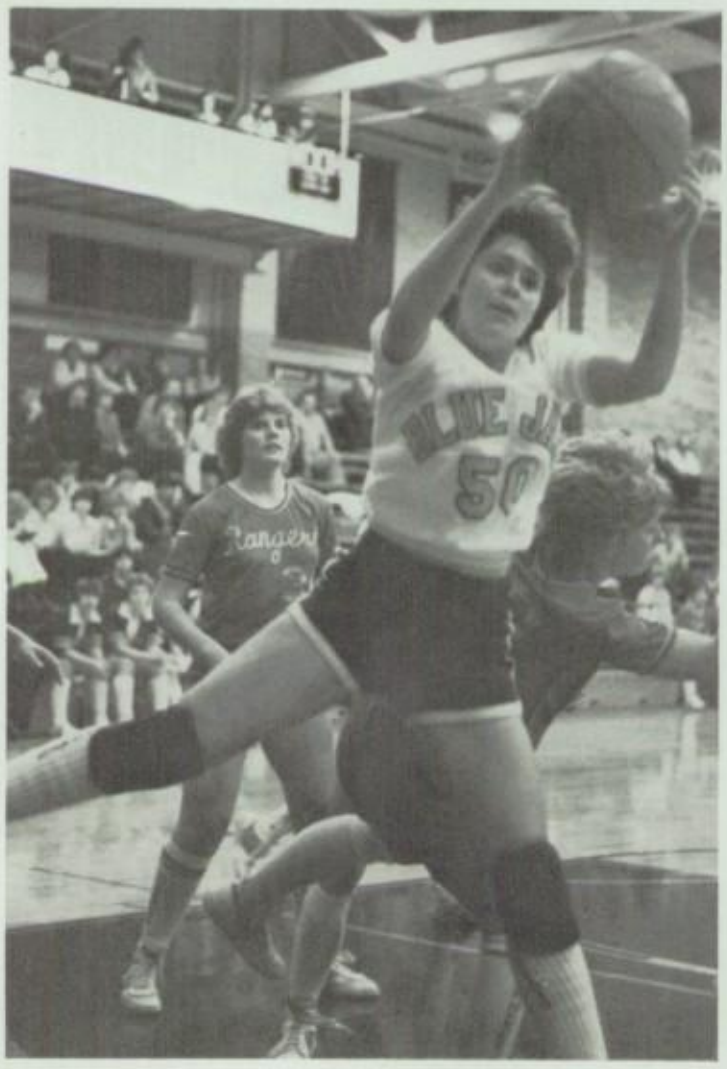
Extending to the limit, Julie Metzner drills a deadly spike while Sara Schulte and Dana Kill sets themselves.

Utilizing her exceptional ball handling ability, Mary Ann Stem drives toward the basket against a Marion Local defender.

Completing the end of a fastbreak, Julie Clark goes up strong f the lay-up.



Girls Varsity	*25-2*	
MAC League	*9-0*	
SJH 67	*Bryan*	*54*
SJH 97	*Shawnee*	*29*
SJH 53	*New Bremen*	*44*
SJH 86	*Van Wert*	*33*
SJH 70	*Ft. Recovery*	*58*
SJH 60	*Ada*	*50*
SJH 86	*Upper Sandusky*	*42*
SJH 77	*Lima Bath*	*50*
SJH 78	*New Knoxville*	*39*
SJH 45	*Marion Local*	*46*
SJH 68	*Elida*	*58*
SJH 67	*Holgate*	*52*
SJH 76	*Parkway*	*28*
SJH 72	*Mendon Union*	*32*
SJH 67	*St. Henry*	*45*
SJH 80	*Archbold*	*42*
SJH 92	*Continental*	*41*
SJH 81	*Minster*	*28*
SJH 65	*Ottoville*	*62*
SJH 55	*Coldwater*	*39*
Sectional		
SJH 84	*Lincolnview*	*39*
SJH 88	*Antwerp*	*18*
District		
SJH 69	*Kalida*	*51*
SJH 62	*Ottoville*	*43*
Regional		
SJH 53	*Marion Local*	*52*
SJH 70	*Tiffin Calvert*	*56*
State		
SJH 52	*Zanesville*	*66*



Bringing down the rebound, Tracey Thitoff uses good position to clear the boards.

Going up for the easy two points, Sharon Heitz uses the glass for the shot, while Tracey Thitoff boxes out for a possible rebound.

Working Together in Unity!!

y: Chris Kill

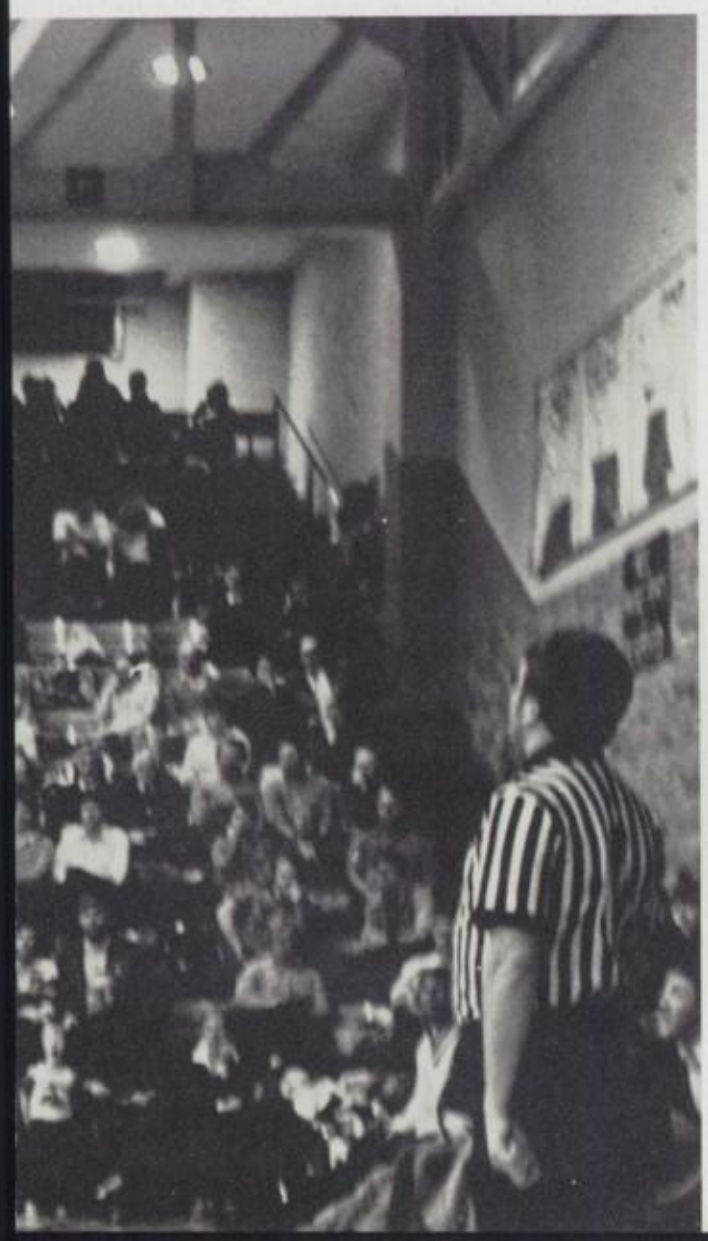
Having only two returning seniors on girls varsity, e experienced seemed limited for a state-ranked am. Although this appearing true at the start of the ason the Jays won their first six games and a mber one ranking in the State Class A polls. Still cording to head coach Fran Voll his team was not a mplete ballclub. This showed with the seasons ly defeat in playing Marion Local. The now to be AC Championship game ended in overtime with e Jays losing a 45-46 heartbreaker.

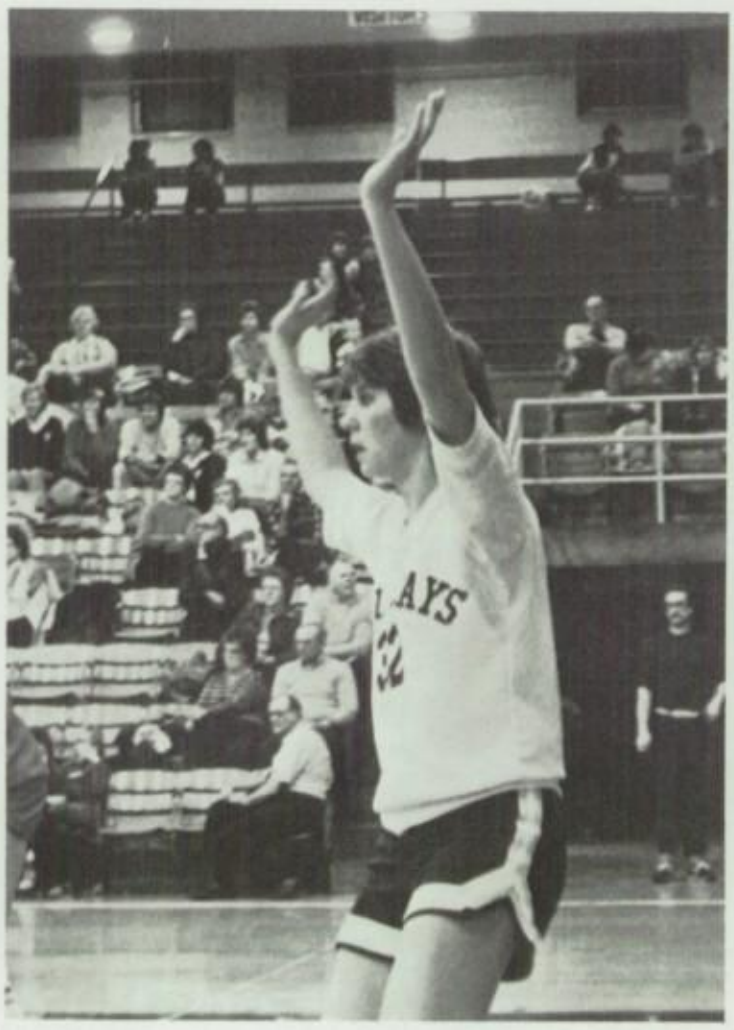
After the loss to Marion Local, the girls showed a w outlook — a team that worked together in ity. Under the tremendous leadership from captain ary Ann Stemen and senior Julie Clark with a dedi- ted underclassmen core, the new Jays rolled over eir next ten opponents before heading into tourna- ents.

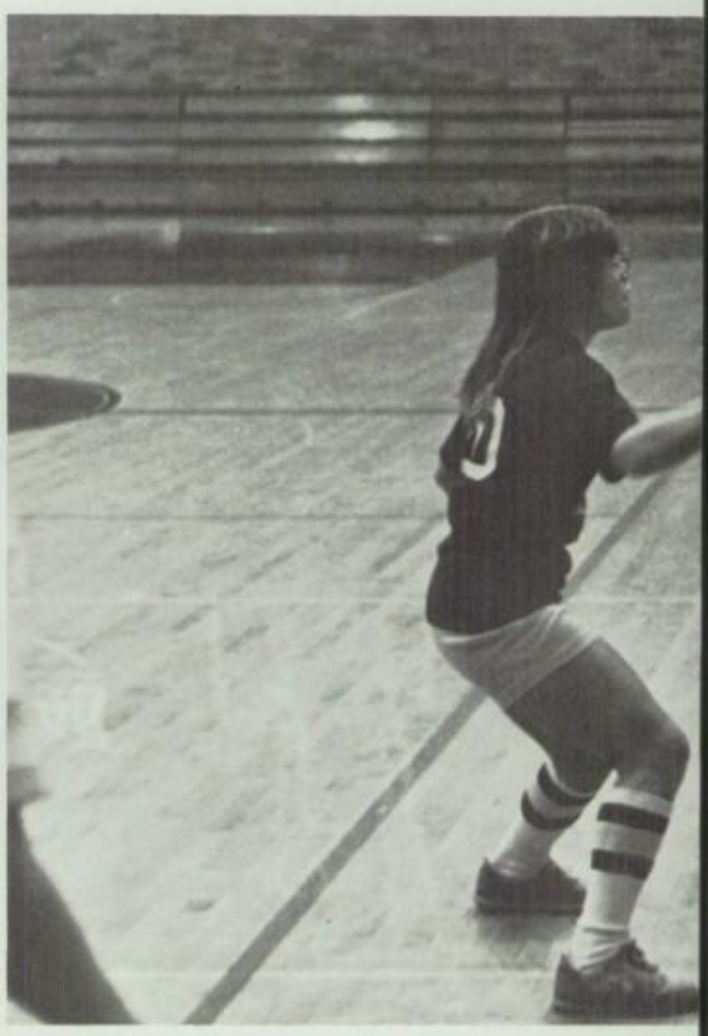
Seeded number one Blue Jays girls easily con- ered the sectional title crushing Antwerp 88-18. e District crown was earned by defeating two tough PCL foes, Kalida 69-51, and the title against Ottoville 62-43. This gave the Jays a chance to avenge the season's only loss. A rematch against Marion Local. With the Jays trailing throughout the game it looked as though the regional jinx was to happen again, but this time the girls went to Findlay to break the hex. The Blue Jays fought back desparately to capture the lead in the fourth quarter and behind Mur Stemen's clutch free throw shooting defeated the Flyers 53-52. A chance to make another trip to Columbus was now set up by playing Tiffin Calvert for the Regional Championship. Playing flawless basketball the girls prevailed 70-56. The Blue Jays bowed out as State Semi-Finalist losing to the Zanesville Rosecrans.

Receiving honors for the Blue Jay Girls State Semi-Finalist team was of the following players. Mary Ann Stemen; UPI 1st Team, MAC 1st Team, District 8 1st Team, Ohio North-South Classic, All Star Game, and All-State Tournament Team. Sharon Heitz; District 8 2nd Team. Tracey Thitoff; MAC Honorable Mention.

Front Row: Jodi Horstman, Karen Weber, Monica Ruen, Julie Metzner, Kathy Ebbeskotte, Sharon Heitz, Julie Clark, Mary Ann Stemen, Tracey Thitoff, Vicki Ditto, Dana Kill, Jodi Mueller. Middle Row: Karen Kimmet, Karen Kohorst, Kathy Ruen, Nancy Ebbeskotte, Cheryl Baumgarte, Kim Keipper, Sue Lindeman, Tracey Suever, Sarah Schulte, Cheryl Moenter, Lynn Pothast, Jenny Wittler, Lisa Schwinnen, Chris Recker. Back Row: Carol Klaus, Jennifer Heitmeyer, Leanne Schlagbaum, Beth Kaskel, Julie Buettner, Kevin Dickrede, Jim Grothause, Matt Burnett, Criss Wilson, Head Coach Fran Voll, Assistant Coach Jean Kramer.





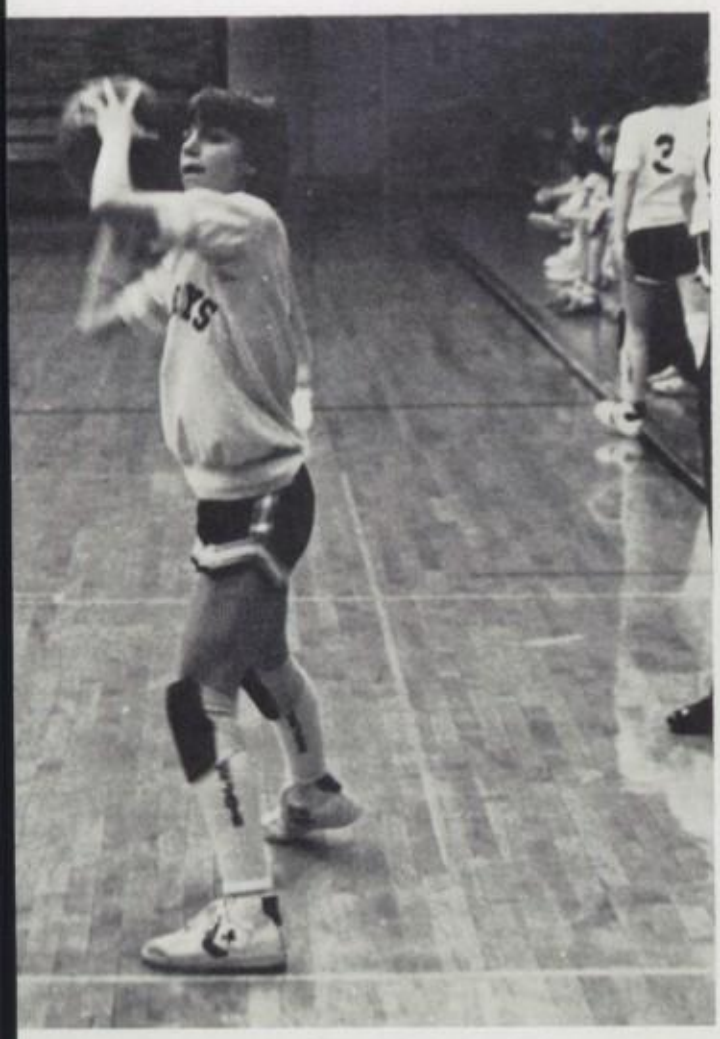


Playing aggressive hands up defense, Tracey Suever shows the way the game is meant to be played.

Reserve Basketball (17-2)

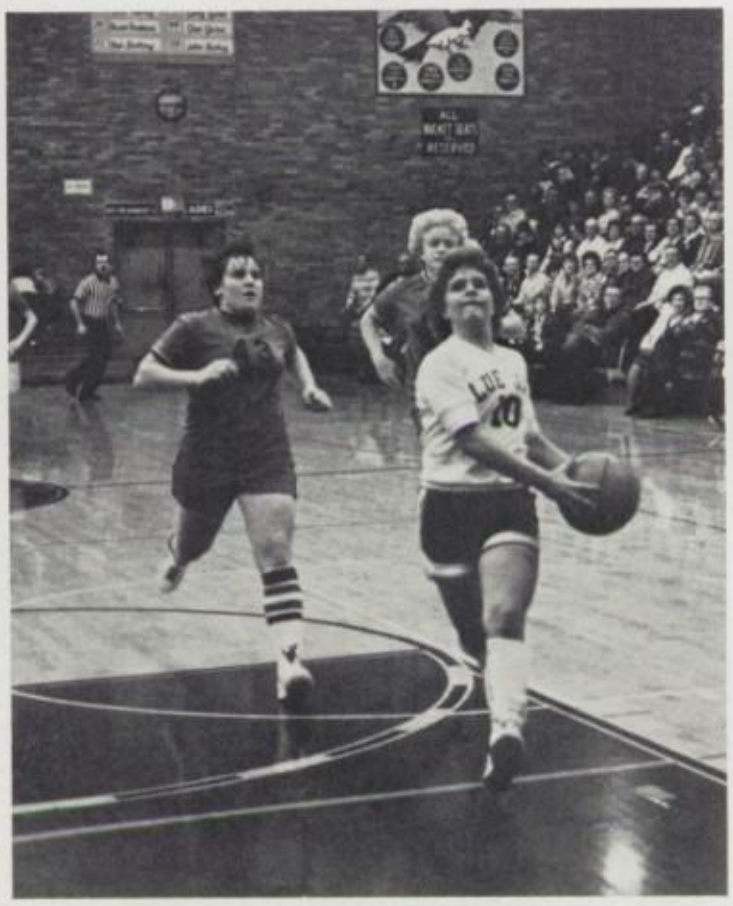
SJH 34	*Bryan*	*23*
SJH 48	*Shawnee*	*14*
SJH 43	*New Bremen*	*20*
SJH 35	*Van Wert*	*29*
SJH 35	*Ft. Recovery*	*14*
SJH 33	*Ada*	*25*
SJH 38	*Upper Sandusky*	*27*
SJH 50	*Bath*	*14*
SJH 33	*New Knoxville*	*26*
SJH 53	*Marion Local*	*14*
SJH 40	*Elida*	*13*
SJH 36	*Holgate*	*20*
SJH 28	*Parkway*	*20*
SJH 31	*St. Henry*	*26*
SJH 31	*Archbold*	*38*
SJH 65	*Continental*	*4*
SJH 29	*Minster*	*32*
SJH 37	*Ottoville*	*31*
SJH 30	*Coldwater*	*24*

Attempting a free-throw, reserve player Sue Lindeman demonstrates the correct form while at the foul line.



Looking for assistance, freshman Sandy Schimmoeller decides what course of action to take.

All by herself, reserve player Sarah Schulte goes for a lay up for two points.



Freshmen Basketball (16-0)		
SJH 49	*St. Marys*	*15*
SJH 51	*Wapakoneta*	*16*
SJH 41	*South Lima*	*24*
SJH 61	*North Lima*	*22*
SJH 35	*Kenton*	*32*
SJH 27	*Kenton*	*24*
SJH 50	*North Lima*	*20*
SJH 43	*St. Marys*	*6*
SJH 56	*Wapakoneta*	*21*
SJH 60	*West Lima*	*13*
SJH 40	*West Lima*	*11*
SJH 39	*Ottawa Glandorf*	*14*
SJH 44	*South Lima*	*23*
SJH 39	*Ottawa Glandorf*	*12*
	Tournaments	
SJH 36	*St. Charles*	*6*
SJH 60	*West Lima*	*12*

nowing her power under the basket, Julie Buettner proves very ey beat St. Mary's 43-6.

Young Players Striving In Future Years!

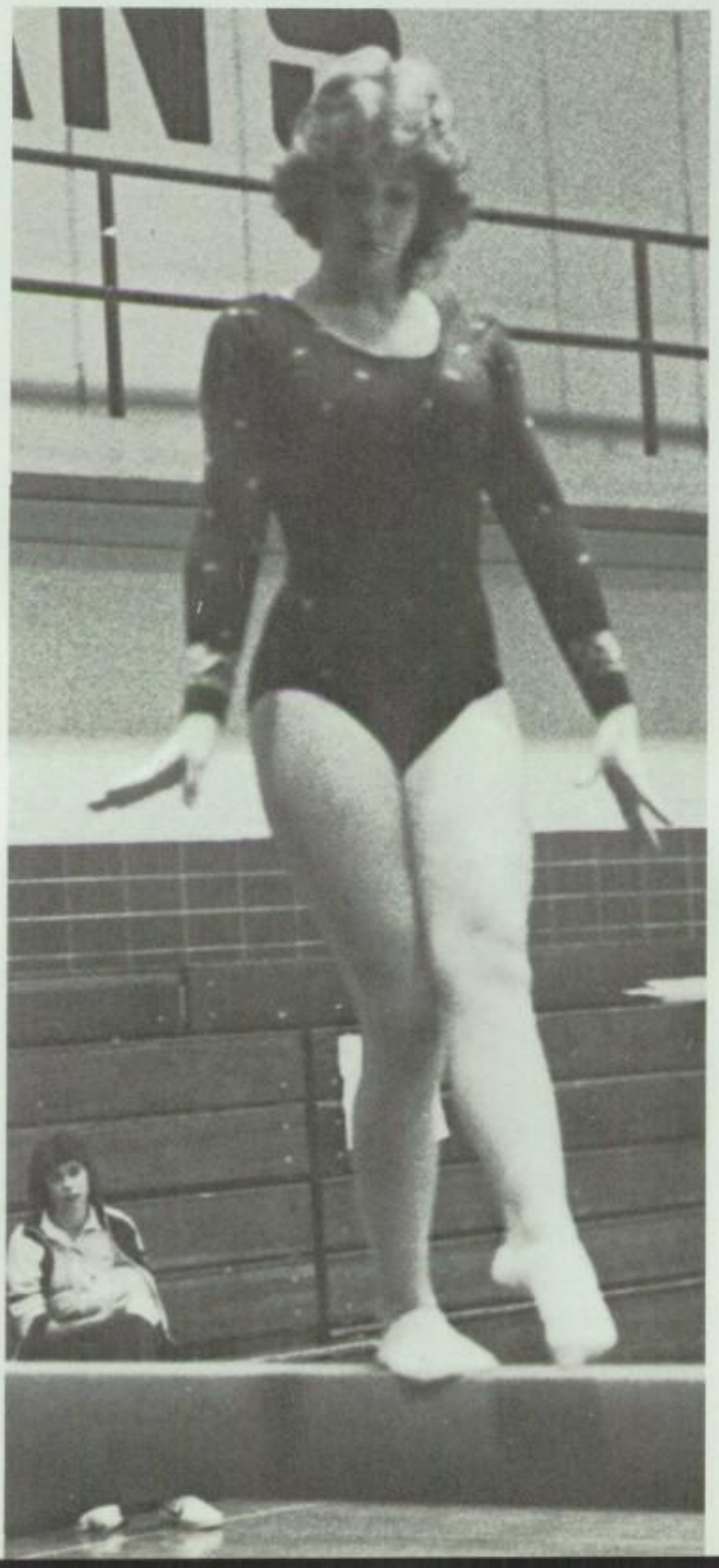
By: Steve Pohlman

The freshmen and reserve girls basketball players once again had the duty of keeping up a winning tradition and also learning so they may become varsity players in the future. Both of these things were very well accomplished with the frosh going 16-O and the reserves compiling a 17-2 record. Both teams were coached by Jean Kramer who helped mold each player into a winner and yet teach them how to become a better person throughout each and every day at practice. While the freshmen have only had an organized team for two years, the reserves have been together for many years and they were made up mainly of sophomores with only a few juniors. With these young players and their desire to win this should help keep up the winning tradition that Blue Jay girls fans have come accustomed to throughout the years at St. John's.

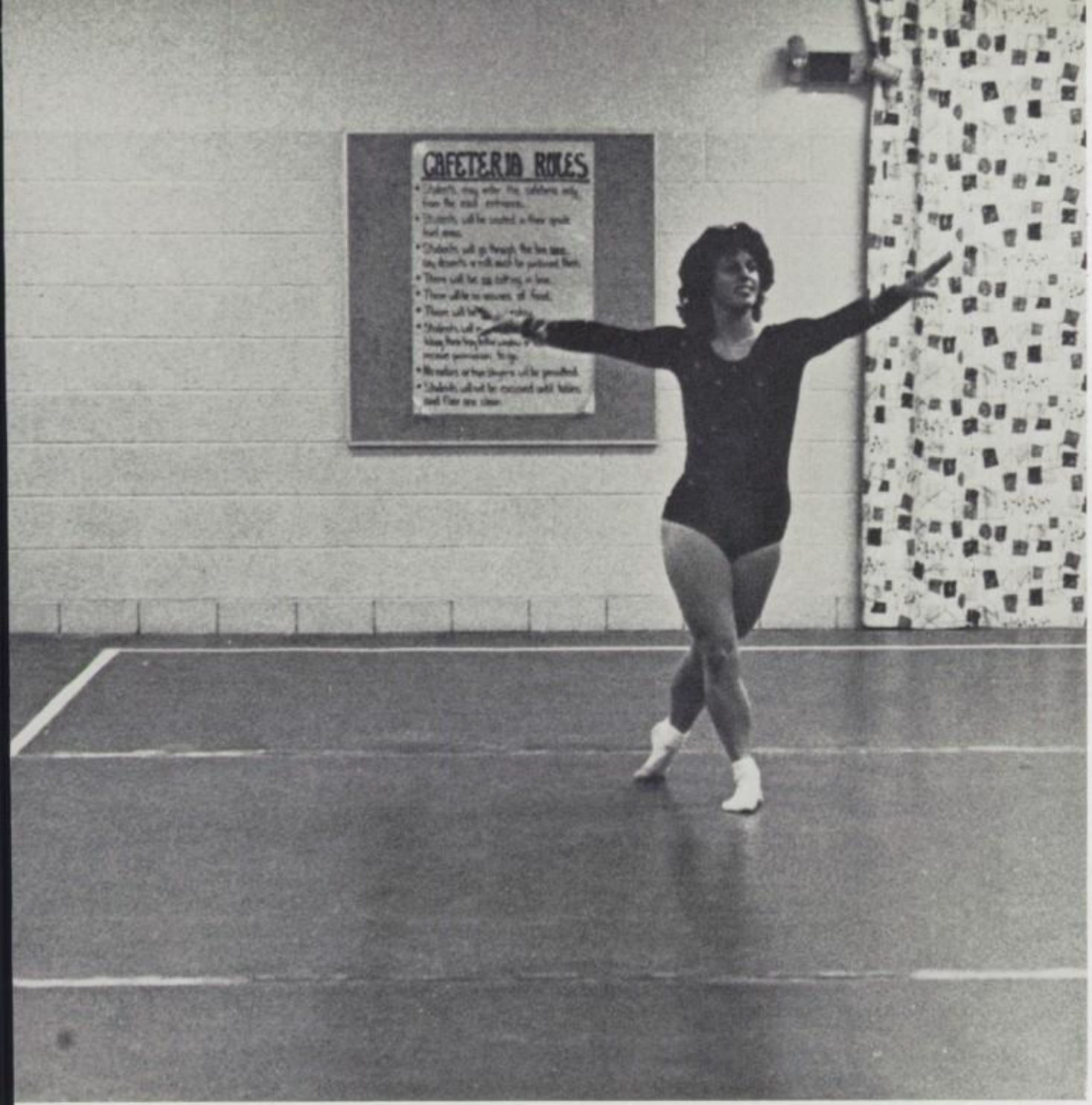
Working on one of the requirements of her routine, Lanna Smith displays the use of both bars.

Front Row: Ann Holdgreve, Marilyn Luersman, Barb Hemker, Julie Ardner, Jill Haunhorst, Sandy Utrup, Karen Hemker, Manager Julie Giesken. Middle Row: Sue Burnett, Teresa VonDeylen, Kim Gerdeman, Judy Wieging, Lanna Smith, Coach Diane Miller, Kelly Gallmeier, Nadine Honigford, Amy Mueller, Sherri Kunz, Manager Beth Kroeger. Back Row: Lisa Jettinghoff, Andrea Gessner, Linda Shenk, Diane Hempfling, Elise Mueller, Linda Bergfeld, Mary Ann Wittler, Mary Kay Brickner, Manager Gerri Recker. Absent: Deb Mace.

Knowing every move counts, Deb Mace steadies herself on the balance beam.



Vaulting into mid-air, Kelly Gallmeier prepares for a shoo through on the horse.



Hoping to get the judges consent, Linda Bergfeld adds final touches towards the end of her routine.

Columbus Grove	81.485	SJH	74.16
Findlay	78.46	SJH	74.16
Lima Bath	79.845	SJH	71.26
Bluffton	77.285	SJH	71.26
St. Mary's	81.82	SJH	75.35
Shawnee	94.135	SJH	76.06
Wayne Trace	80.245	SJH	84.28
Elida	82.63	SJH	78.816
Bluffton	61.895	SJH	58.05
Coldwater	87.455	SJH	81.01
Lima Senior	89.23	SJH	78.465

Coldwater Invitational 6th of 6 teams

Not The Won That Counts

: Kevin Geise

When last year's season ended the girls gymnas- team wasn't too optimistic about the up coming son. For one there would only be two seniors ming back. They were captains Linda Bergfeld and e Mueller. They also were burdened by the fact t they needed a new coach.

As it turned out three fourths of the team would erience their first year in gymnastics. With a ong supporting sophomore and junior class, the m had there work cut out for them. Along with the w faces came that of new head coach Diane Miller. t started with practice right after school on Mon- s and Wednesdays and a lot of late hours on sday and Thursday nights. Coach Miller had new as for this year's team which were added to last r's program.

Although the team finished with a 1-10 record a lot of experience was gained through their efforts. The season was highlighted by personal bests and self improvement as each one tried scoring higher from one meet to the next. Having to travel on the road for every meet made it a little hard to adjust, but this year's team had a better following than other years which helped pick up some of the slack.

As it came time for tournaments everyone was excited and mostly nervous in hopes of doing their best to place. Those placing at the Toledo District were: Linda Bergfeld 4th, class III Vault; Julie Ardner 3rd, class IV beam; Barb Hemker 2nd, Class IV beam.

Even though the season ended with one win much was learned through the year. With a good following next year as this year's group had, and a little determination could prove to be the key to a winning season.

A Perfect Year

By: Steve Pohlman

At the end of the 1982 season the upcoming seniors and juniors had their minds on two things, making another winner, and hopefully making a return engagement at St. John Arena to play for a state title. It would be tough to match a 24-3 record but they were determined and ready!

The off-season was filled with much hard work such as going to basketball camp, running, and the old familiar Tuesday and Thursday nights up at the gym choosing up sides and playing hoops to strive for confidence and self improvement.

The season soon began and the Jays had new opponents to contend with and a new league to play in which was called the Midwest Athletic Conference (MAC). Little did this team know that they would return to Columbus and this time come home victorious as the Class A State Champs of 1983.

The year was filled with many fine games such as the standing room only crowd at St. John's gym. They were there to watch the Blue Jays tangle with the St. Henry Redskins. The Jays prevailed in this thriller by the score of 76-65. Next, St. John's traveled to Continental to lock heads with a very tough and agressive defensive team that wouldn't bow down to the Jays without a fight.

St. John's finally snuck this game by the score of 42-41. Perhaps the thriller of the regular season w when St. John's traveled to Coldwater to play in t "Pit." This gymnasium was one of the smallest a noisiest places in the area. The Jays won this thril to take the undisputed MAC championship.

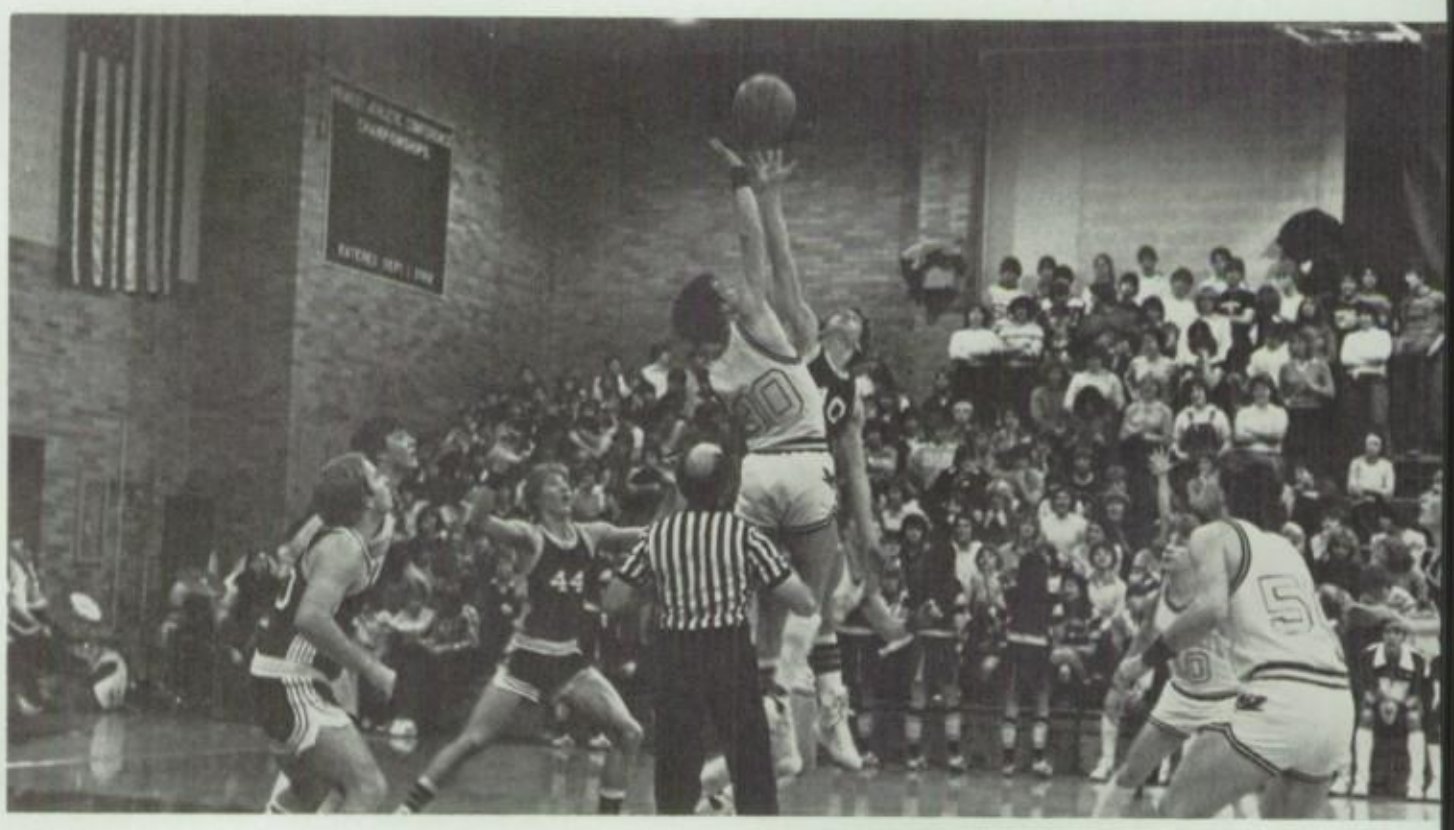
At the end of the year players may receive hono and some of the Jays were fortunate enough to. Fi senior, Dan Giese received honorable mention in t league and he made the all-tournament team state. Next, senior John Bockey also received hono able mention in the league and he was named Sta Tourney MVP and he also made the all tourname team. Senior Kevin Trentman received awards making honorable mention in Northwest Ohio a also in the state in UPI. He was also named first tea all league and was named to the all tourney team. also played in the district eight game. Finally sen captain Steve Pohlman was named to the third tea Northwest Ohio and also third team in the state UPI. He was also named first team all league and fi team District Eight and also played in the Distr Eight game.

For the Jays it was a season which will be reme bered by the players as well as the fans for ma years to come. It was a time filled with joy and or in a while sorrow but it was a season that ma twelve young men and their coaches become clo and good friends for many more years.

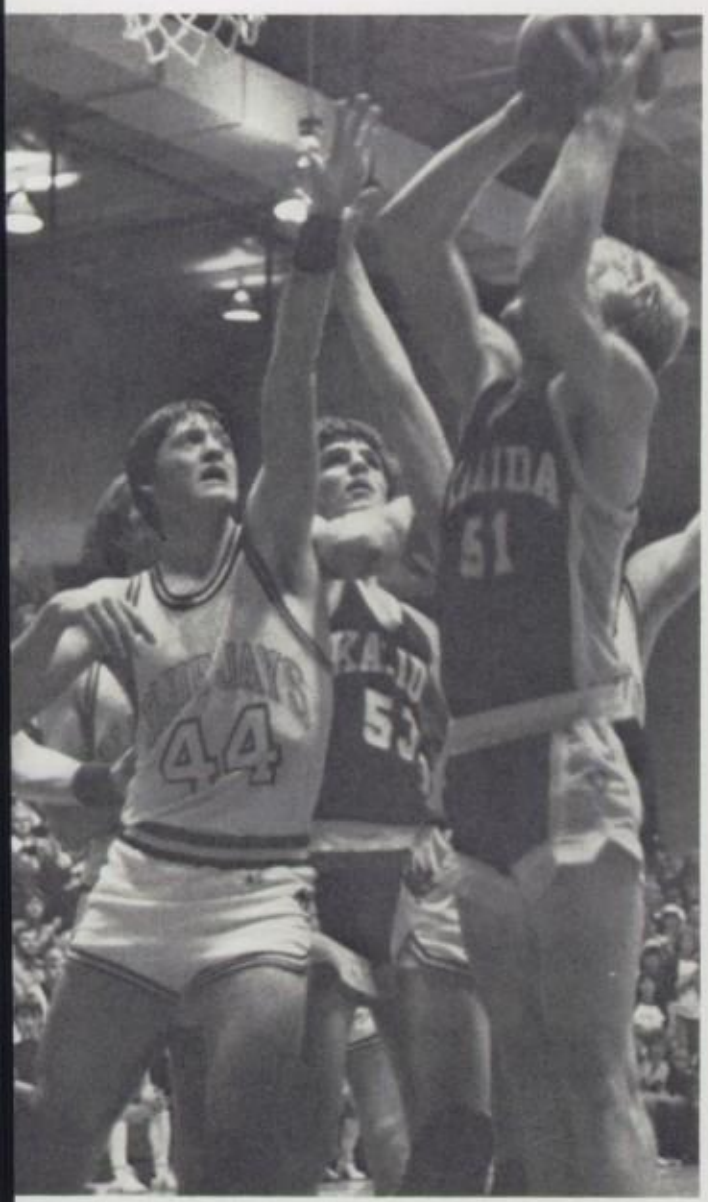
Boys Varsity Basketball 28-0

SJH 41	*Alumni*	*35*
SJH 58	*Celina*	*46*
SJH 92	*Delta*	*70*
SJH 76	*New Bremen*	*47*
SJH 76	*St. Marys*	*52*
SJH 94	*Ft. Recovery*	*53*
SJH 78	*Elida*	*38*
SJH 76	*Wapak*	*53*
SJH 53	*L.C.C.*	*46*
SJH 55	*New Knoxville*	*47*
SJH 84	*Lima Shawnee*	*52*
SJH 68	*Marion Local*	*53*
SJH 86	*Parkway*	*48*
SJH 92	*Van Wert*	*67*
SJH 94	*Mendon Union*	*21*
SJH 42	*Continental*	*61*
SJH 67	*St. Henry*	*65*
SJH 86	*Minster*	*52*
SJH 60	*Coldwater*	*57*
SJH 76	*Upper Sandusky*	*45*
SJH 71	*Lima Bath*	*51*
	Tournament	
	Sectional	
SJH 96	*Parkway*	*59*
SJH 51	*Crestview*	*40*
	District	
SJH 63	*Kalida*	*61*
SJH 71	*Ottoville*	*65*
	Regionals	
SJH 65	*Fostoria St. Wendelin*	*57*
SJH 72	*Holgate*	*40*
	State	
SJH 74	*Buckeye Trail*	*71*
SJH 55	*Buckeye Centrail*	*48*

STATE CHAMPS!!

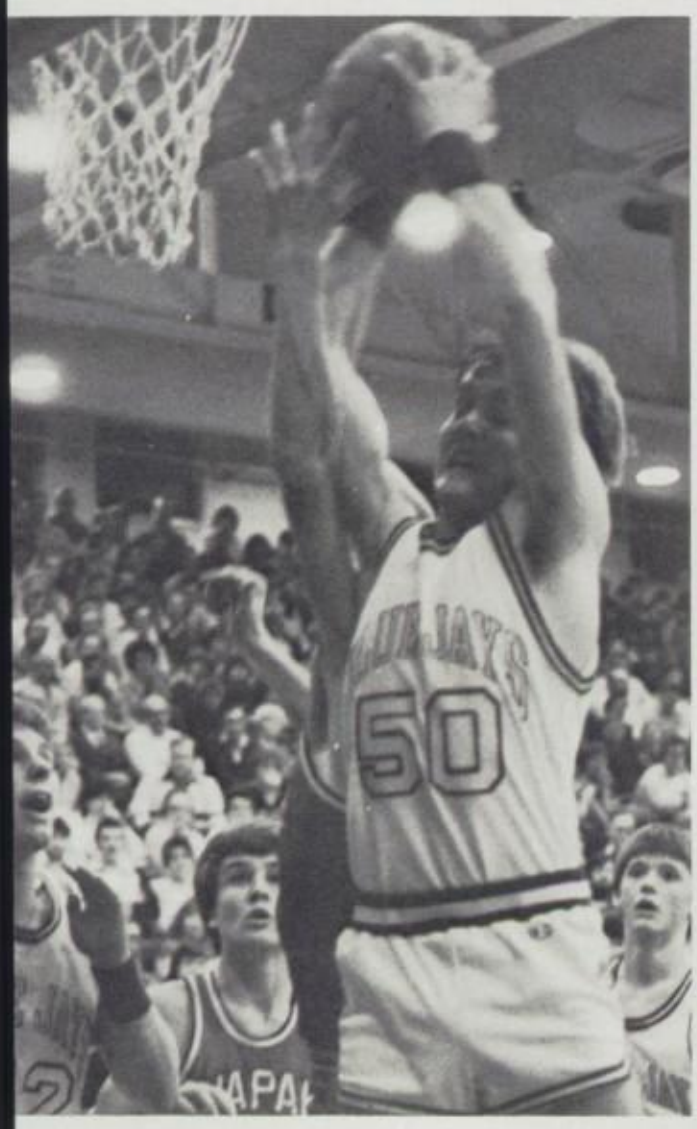


Going high to control the tip, senior Kevin Trentman battles a Recovery man.



Trying to deny Kalida's Joe Verhoff a shot is Dan Geise as Steve Pohlman looks for a possible rebound.

Showing extreme intensity, Steve Pohlman powers to the hoop to get two points.



ending himself to the limit, senior center John Bockey goes strong for a carom.

First Row: Asst. Coach Ken Burgei, Jeff Osting, Kevin Trentman, Steve Pohlman, Dan Geise, John Bockey, Head Coach Bob Arnzen. Back Row: Trainer Mike Swick, Trainer Mike Metzner, Tony Odenweller, Tim Geise, Bud Bertling, Larry Geise, Tim Reindel, Jeff Schwieterman, Kevin Geise, Trainer Mike Gable.

GROWING

By: Steve Pohlman

There were two words to describe this year freshman and reserve basketball season and the were, growing and learning. This is what thes young men did all throughout the season. For th freshmen it was not a winning year but they did lea from the mistakes they made and grew and gain valuable experience that will help them in years come. Though their record was 5-7 the frosh ha many good memories and exciting moments to hig light the season.

This year's reserve team entered the M.A.C. wi high hopes of winning a championship under fir year reserve coach Alan Unterbrink. A game th would decide the M.A.C. champs was played in fro of a large crowd in Coldwater High School's gy better known as the "PIT". The Jays lost the conte however, to a very powerful Coldwater J.V. team the score of 59-30. This game bumped St. John into second place for the year. They ended with record of 17-3.

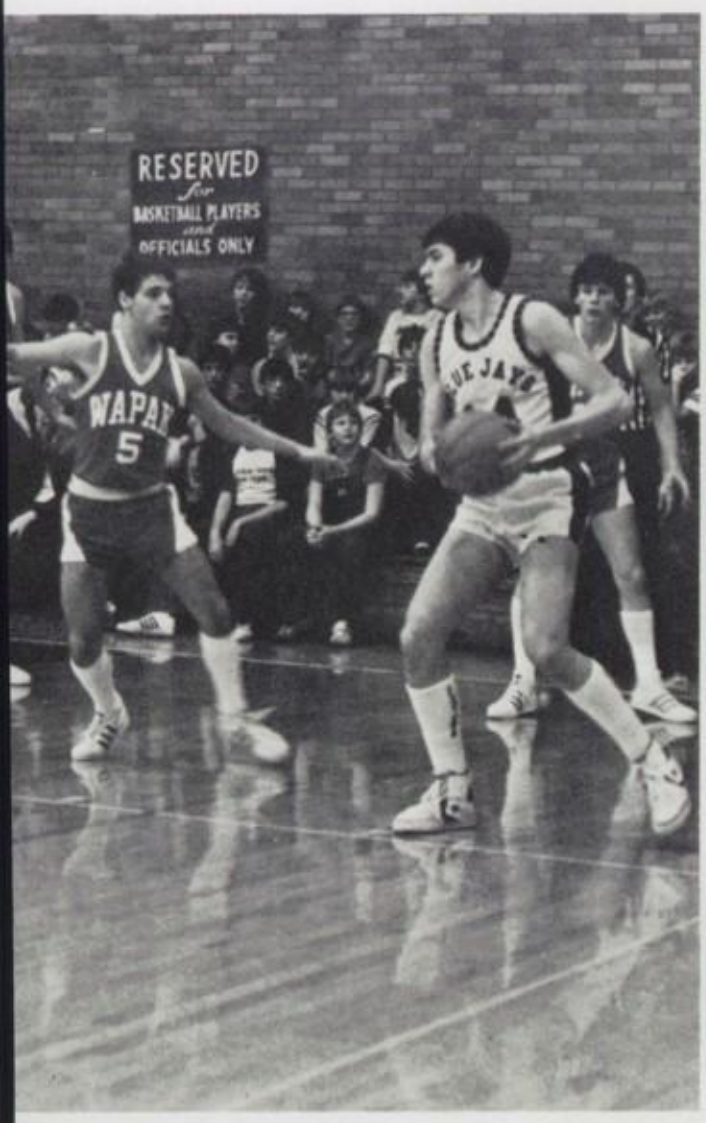
Both the frosh and reserve teams grew a learned many things throughout the season whi will help them carry on that great Blue Jay traditi of winning!

Controlling the offense, Jeff Schwieterman looks into a heavy defense.

Reserve Basketball (17-3)

SJH	27	Alumni	41
SJH	47	Celina	51
SJH	60	Delta	36
SJH	54	New Breman	37
SJH	50	St. Mary's	31
SJH	60	Ft. Recovery	35
SJH	52	Elida	39
SJH	44	Wapak	46
SJH	53	L.C.C.	47
SJH	42	New Knoxville	35
SJH	66	Shawnee	27
SJH	36	Marion Local	29
SJH	51	Parkway	36
SJH	44	Van Wert	43
SJH	63	Mendon Union	34
SJH	41	Continental	36
SJH	47	St. Henry	35
SJH	67	Minster	35
SJH	30	Coldwater	59
SJH	54	Upper Sandusky	50
SJH	64	Lima Bath	46

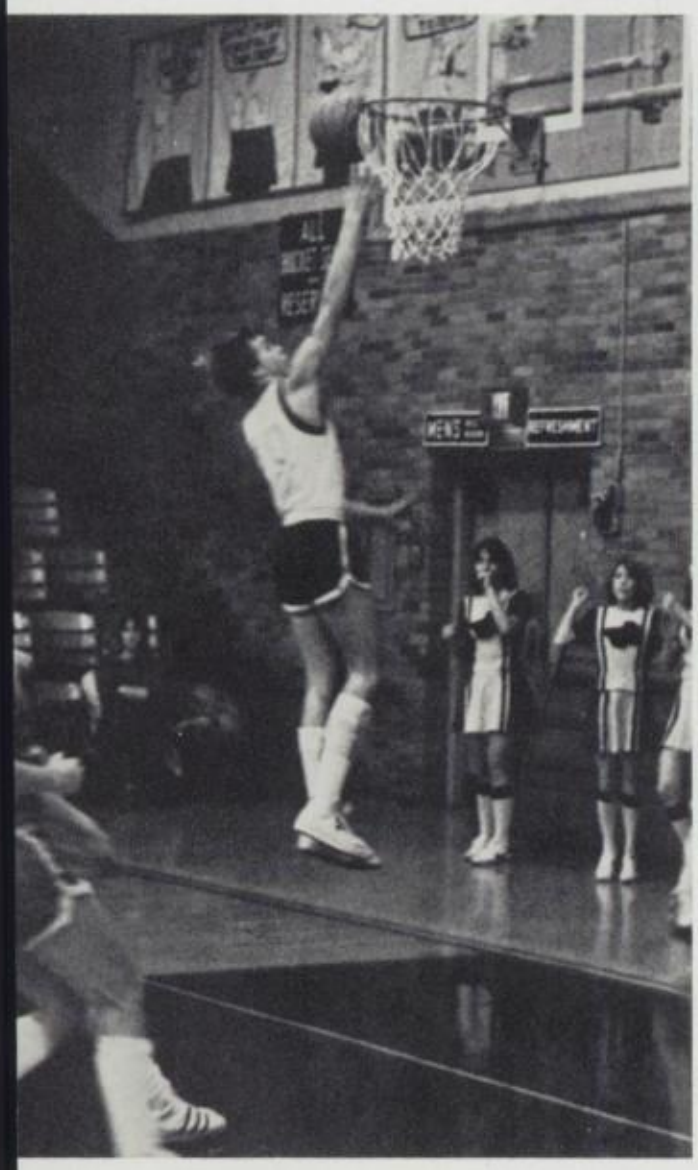
1st Row: Russ Pohlman, Jeff Rode, Jerry Jackson, Jerry Wilhelm, Jeff Schwieterman, Tim Reindel. 2nd Row: Brian Blankmeyer, Tom Goergens, Tony Odenweller, Tim Geise, Doug Adams. 3rd Row: manager Keith Eggeman, Scott Wellmann, Jim Pothast, T Mesker, Coach Alan Unterbrink.



Finding himself caught in the front court Scott Wellmann looks for a teammate to pass to.

1st Row: Dale Pohlman, Jim Giesken, Tom Bridges, Chris Gunder, Doug Rode, Larry Dietering, Tim Menke. 2nd Row: Steve Martz, Mike Moscinski, Matt Eley, Greg Wilson, Steve Fortener, Doug Williams, Tim Fischer.

3rd Row: manager Dave Griffis, manager Tony Wiechart, Mike McCall, Mark Wurst, Ron Vonderembse, manager Larry Bigelow, Coach Dave Alt.



ng up high for the layup Doug Williams has high hopes of ing two points.

Attempting to give the frosh the lead, Steve Fortener lets go of a shot.

Freshman Basketball (5-7)

SJH	50	St. Mary's	31
SJH	51	Celina	37
SJH	47	Elida	49
SJH	26	L.C.C.	44
SJH	34	Coldwater	36
SJH	36	Lima West	54
SJH	31	Ottoville	33
SJH	28	Lima South	47
SJH	55	Lima North	41
SJH	56	Bath	44
SJH	38	Van Wert	46
SJH	51	Defiance	49

Finding the going rough inside, Mark Buettner goes up for a power shot as Greg Williams positions for a carom.

C.Y.O. 7-8

SJH	60	Kalida "B"	31
SJH	76	Ft. Jennings	27
SJH	40	Glandorf	42
SJH	63	Landeck	40
SJH	53	New Bevaria	48
SJH	43	Kalida "A"	53
SJH	46	Ottoville	67
SJH	43	Miller City	55
SJH	68	Lima St. Rose	51
SJH	49	Ottawa	82
SJH	69	Leipsic	32
SJH	46	Lima Shawnee Meth.	60
SJH	54	Columbus Grove	55

League Tournament

SJH	67	Lima St. Rose	64
SJH	46	Kalida "A"	68

Executing a fast break, Mike Youngpeter outraces the opponent down the floor.

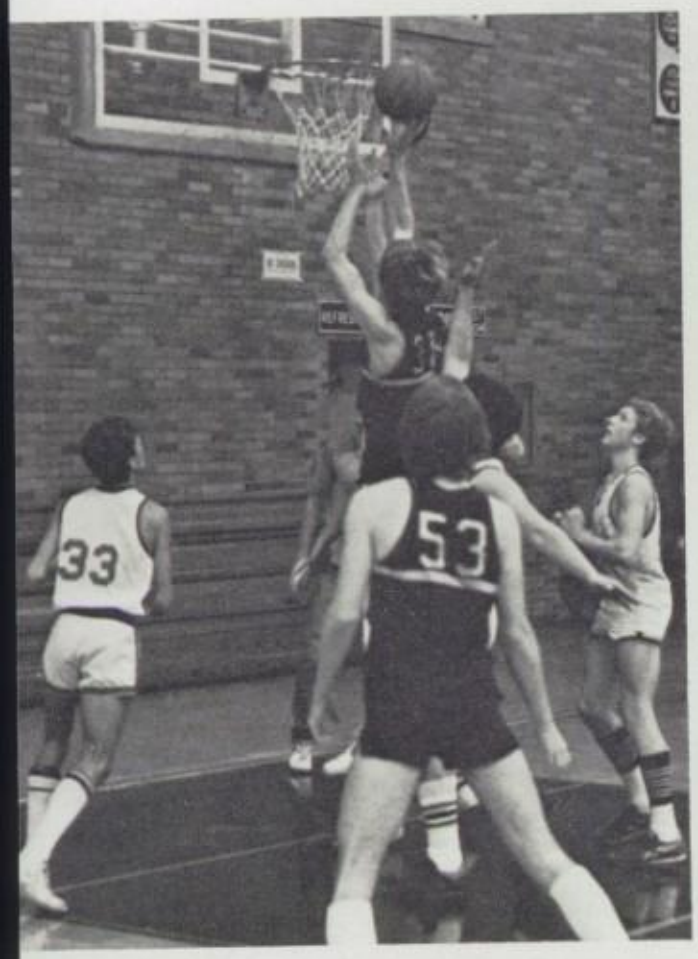
Seniors Get It On!

by: Kevin Trentman

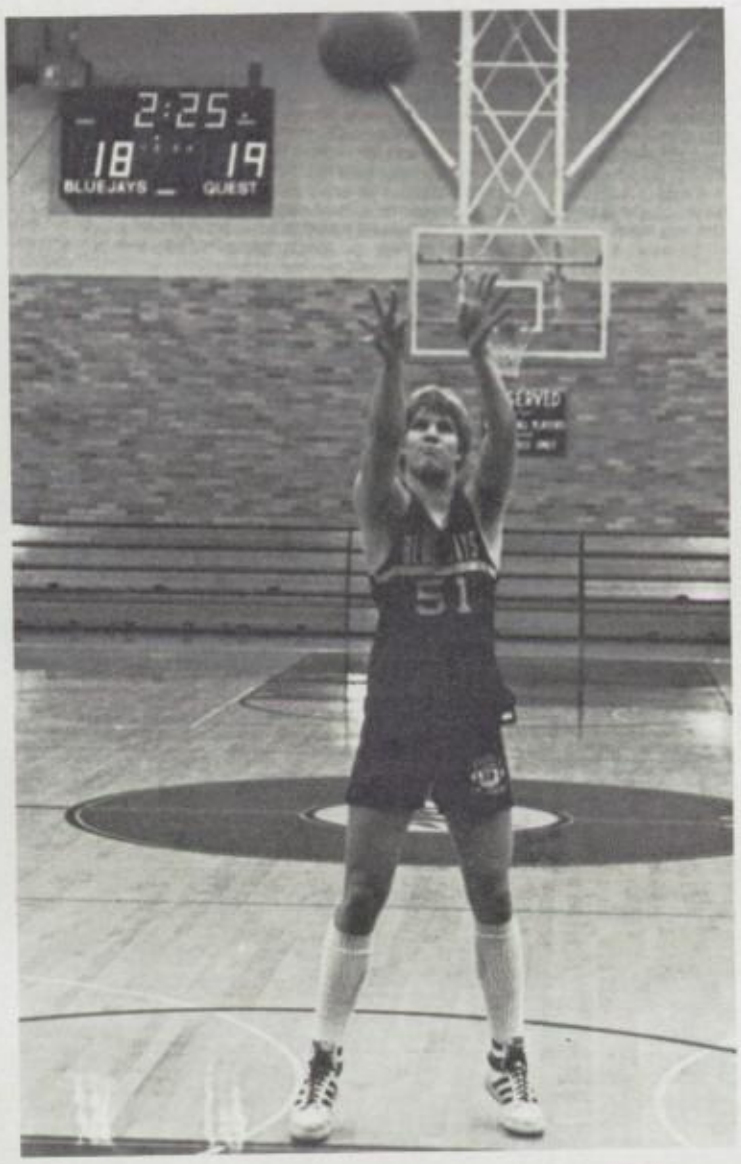
Once again the season rolled around when a grou of senior guys got together and formed a C.Y.(team. Even though they didn't play in front of a sc out gymnasium, they did play in very competiti games that were filled with much excitement ar fast paced action from end line to end line. This yea team had much talent and worked very hard but s seemed to have fun which made the season mo enjoyable.

The Jays C.Y.O. team ended the year with a 7 record and entered tournaments facing Kalida "A but fell short losing the game by a score of (68-4(The team was coached by John Ardner who gave his own time to help these young men get a taste competitive basketball. He gave them a reason become closer as friends and classmates.

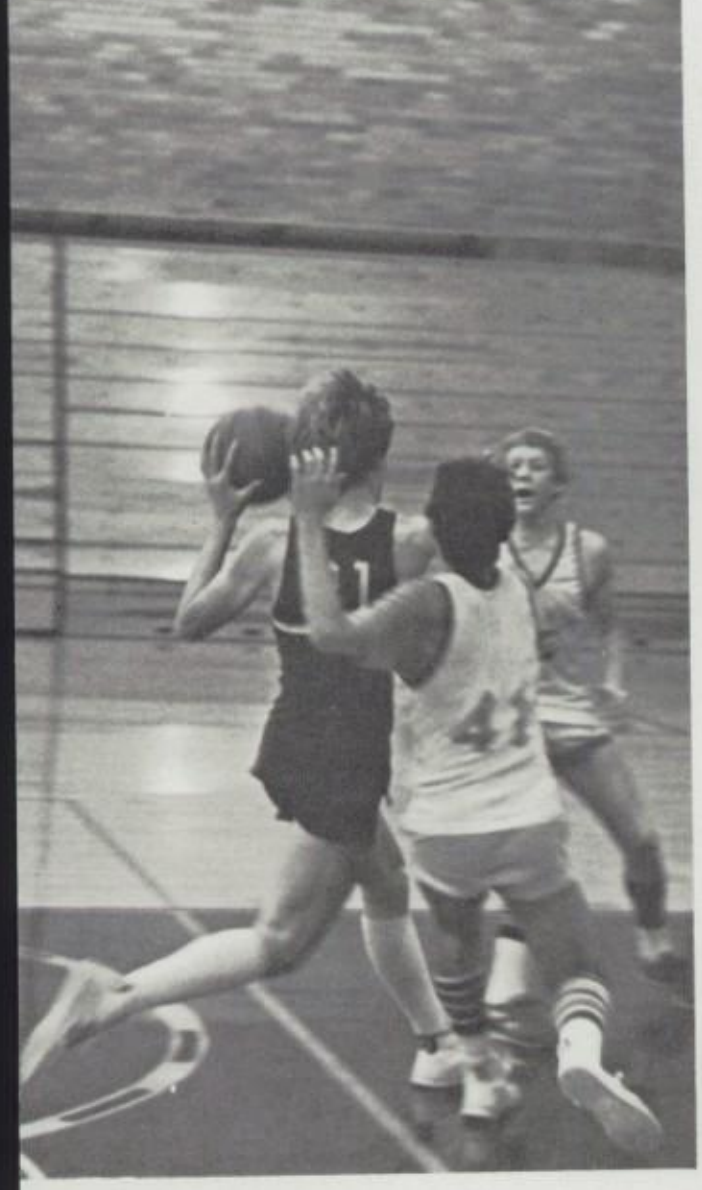
wing a strong inside play, Greg Williams goes up for a shot Mark Buettner positions for a possible rebound.



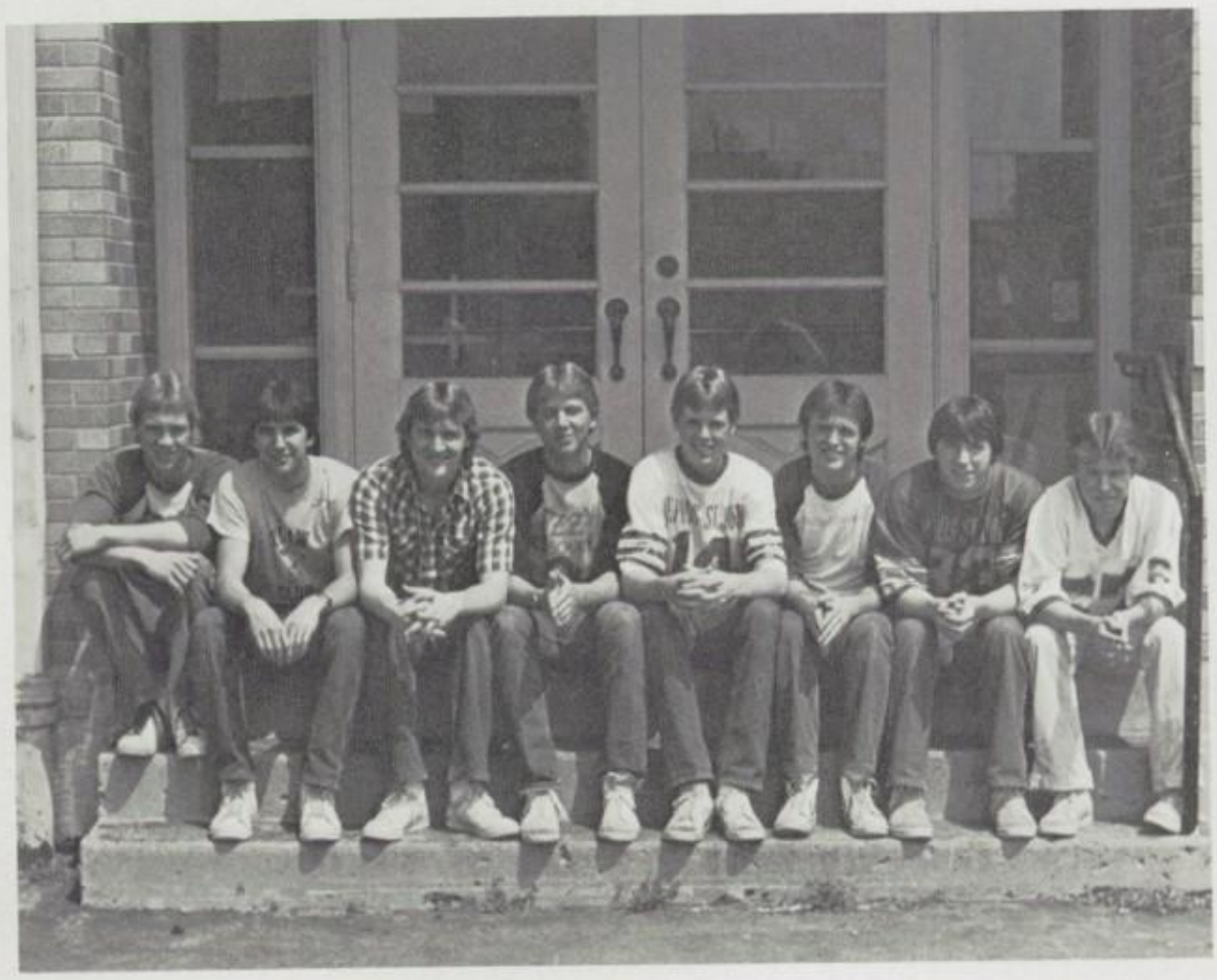
Letting go of a free throw, Charlie Klausing hopes to help the Jays on to victory.



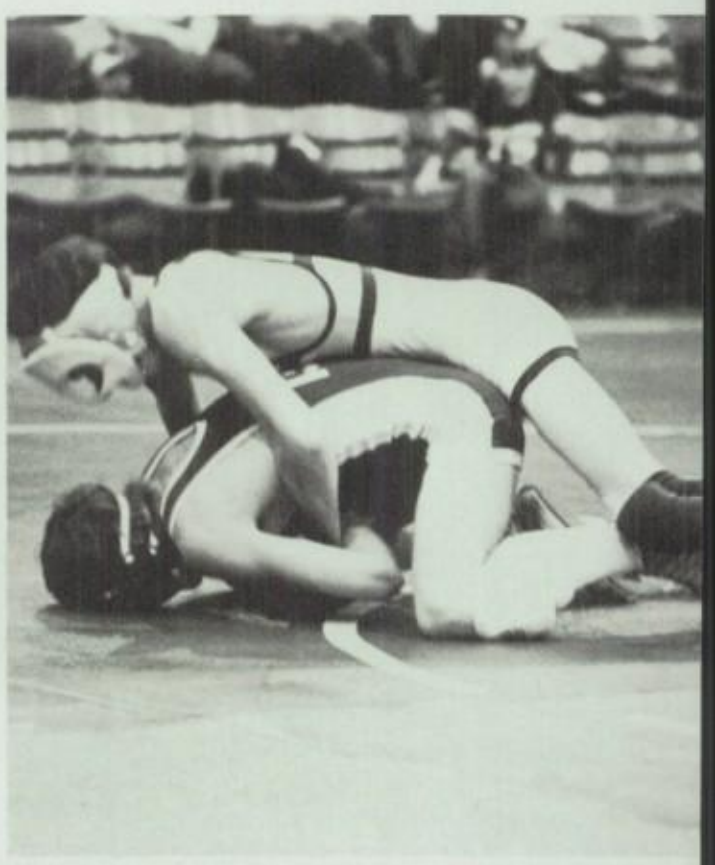
L. to R. Mike Youngpeter, Kevin Pohlman, Mark Buettner, Bill Humpert, Greg Williams, Chris Kill, Dan Lindeman, Duane Schulte.



ding between two defenders, Greg Williams drives to the p for a lay-up.

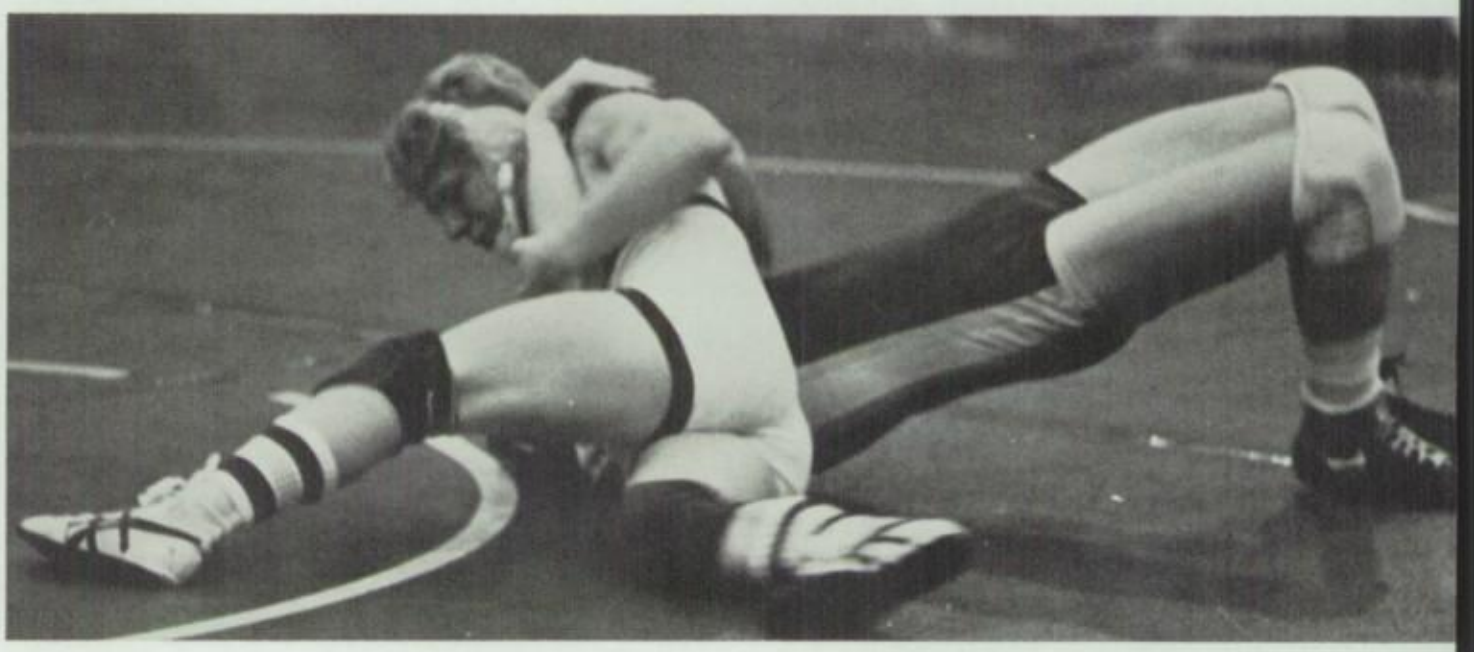


Once breaking his man down, Keith Buettner wonders what h next move might be.



Awaiting the referee's signal for a pin, Jim Cavelage drives his man back to the mat.

Trying to keep his man's back towards the mat, Tom Kroeger goes for a pin.



The Best Just Get Better

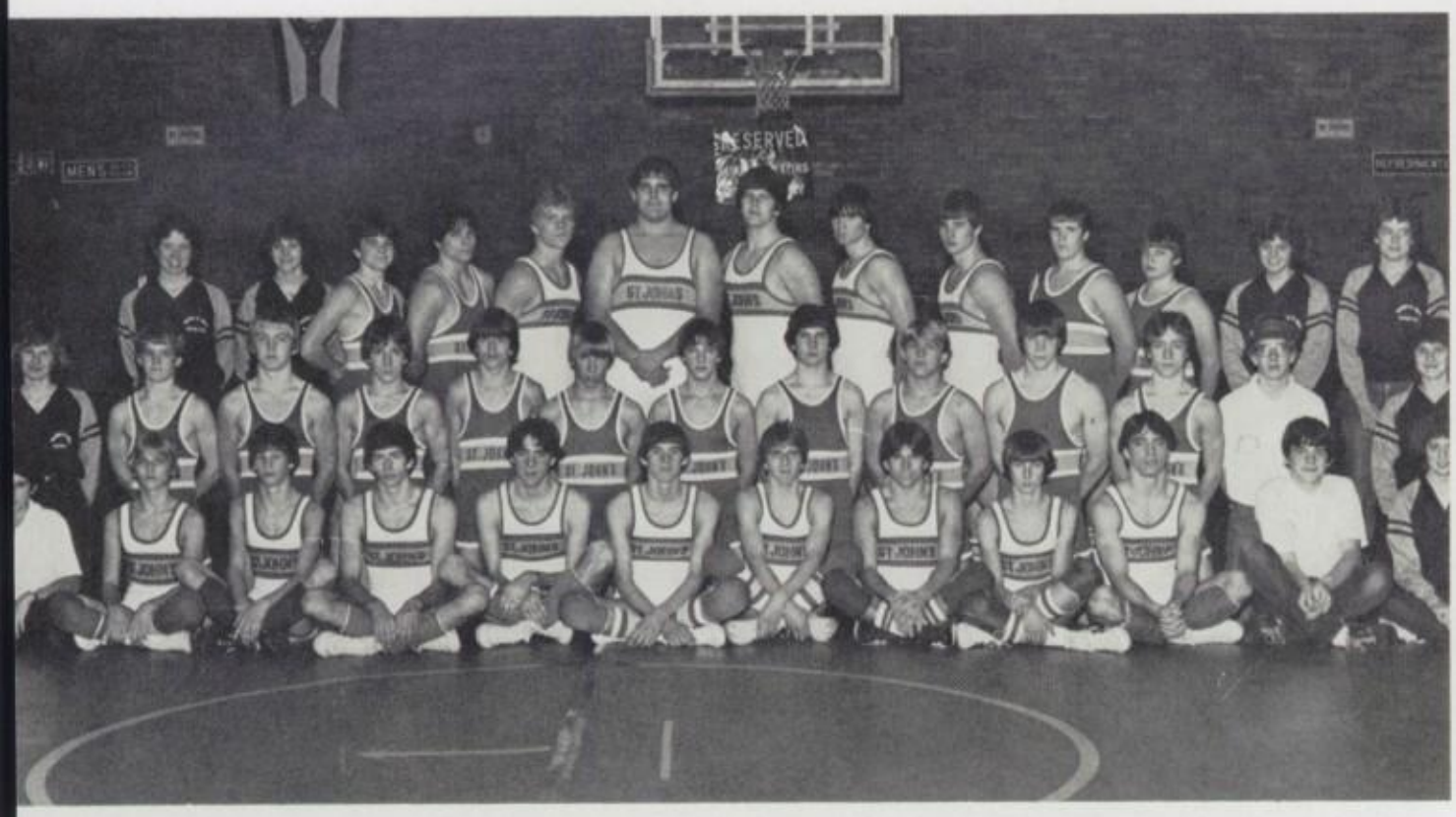
By: Kevin Geise

It looked like things might have picked up where they left off from last year. The Jays turned out an even better record than last year and put forth one of the best records St. John's has had in a regular season. The Jays compiled an 8-1 record, losing only to Wapak. The rest of the season they won rather easily, other than an exciting close win over MAC rival Coldwater 34-30.

Just as last year the Jays came back with a 1st in the Allen County Tourney. This is the second year in a row they took the tourney, and have established themselves as one of the team to beat next yea

As tournament rolled around the Jays figured th would fare well with hopes of placing high. They d just that, finishing 2nd of 11 teams at sectional, a 5th of 45 teams at district. Those advancing to Sta as individual qualifiers were: Paul Hale taking 4t and John Bonifas. Those who qualified as State alte nates were: Quint Haunhorst and Art Vonderwe

Those receiving team honors this year at t awards banquet were: John Bonifas, most tak downs, and most pins; Quint Haunhorst, most nea falls; Keith Buettner, most reversals.

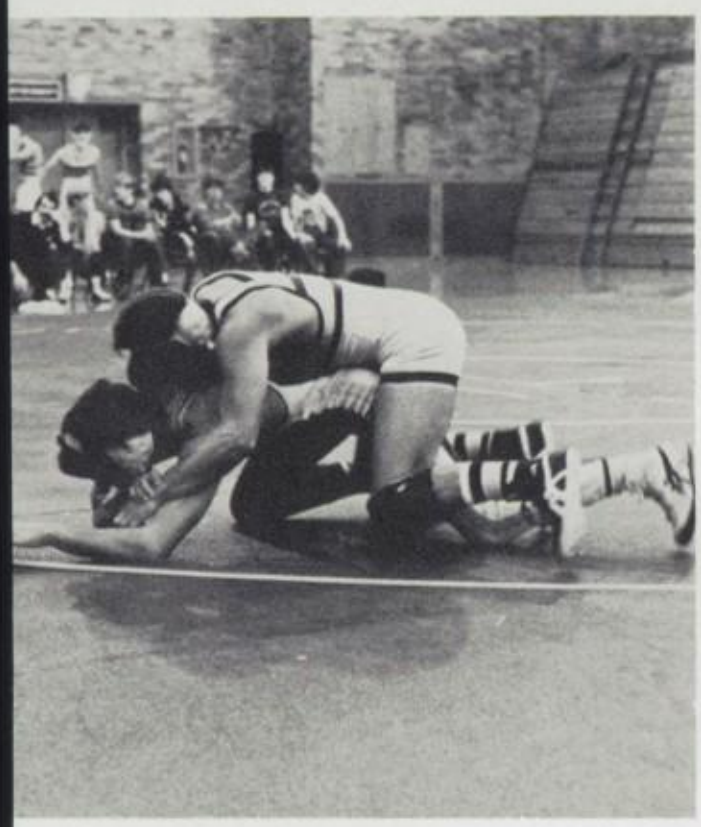


Front Row: Terry Pohlman Mngr., Todd Hines, Mitch Markward, Joe Niedecken, Kevin Buettner, Keith Buettner, Jim Cavelage, John Bonifas, Brian Freund, Quint Haunhorst, Mngr. Tim Goergens, Stats. Darlene Berres. Middle Row: Stats. Beth Kaskel, Jeff Klausing, Ed Kleman, Steve Adams, Tom Cross, Joe Wrasman, Tom Wrocklage, Blake Roxlau, Ray Bonifas, Dan Goergens, Mark Wegesin, Mngr. Ben Fischer, Stats. Denise Smith, Back Row: Stats. Barb Wrasman, Stats. Deanne Butler, Matt Jettinghoff, Scot Deffenbaugh, Tom Kroeger, Paul Hale, Andy Vonderembse, Scot Wessel, Art Vonderwell, Todd Rode, Matt Wrasman, Stats. Marcia Grone, Stats. Laura Krendl. Absent: Dave Zalar, Steve Davis, Julie Wrasman, Chris Alder, Jane Wittler, Photo by: Ashby.

Setting up for a possible takedown, Quint Haunhorst moves in on his man.

SJH 42	*St. Mary's 18*
SJH 44	*Paulding 20*
SJH 40	*Elida 23*
SJH 21	*Wapakoneta 40*
SJH 34	*Coldwater 30*
SJH 56	*Wayne Trace 9*
SJH 45	*O.G. 17*
SJH 44	*Bath 15*
SJH 57	*Spencerville 8*

3rd of 8 at St. Marys Invitational
4th of 8 at Willard Invitational
1st of 8 at Allen County Tournament
2nd of 8 at Celina Invitational



This year's coaches for wrestling: Chuck Krumel, Ray Funk, Ralph Ricker. Ricker.

After breaking his opponent down, John Bonifas hopes for a pinning combination.

Warming up between innings, Todd Hines and Doug William practice turning a double play.

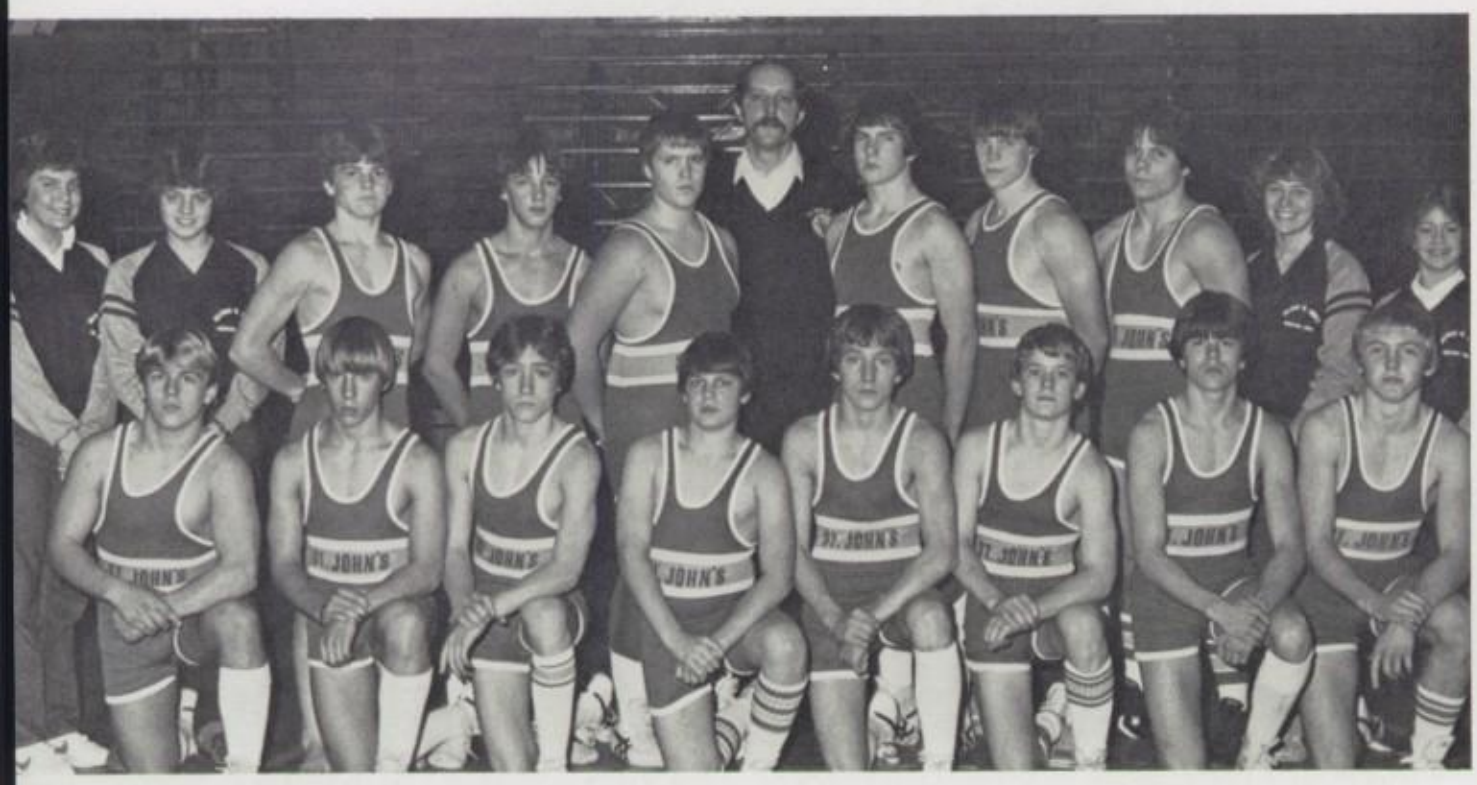
Challenging the pitcher, Ronnie Vonderembse draws the throw to first base.

Head Coach Ron Huysman, Stats Diana Backus, Larry Deitering, Todd Hines, Todd Gable, Mike Moscinski, Ken Jackson, Tom Bridges, Stats Sarah Schulte, Jill Etgen. Back Row: Scott King, Gerry Wilhelm, Matt Eley, Dave Baldauf, Ron Vonderembse, Dave Griffis, Doug Williams, Tony Wiechart.

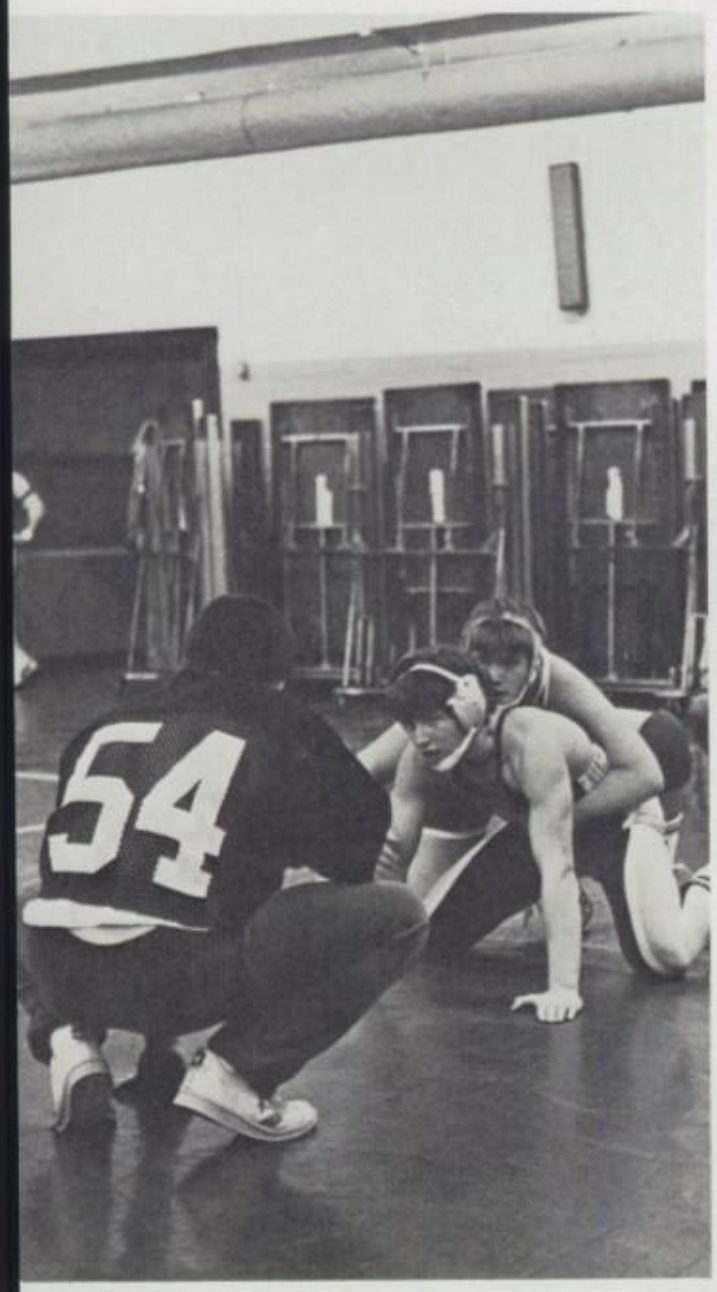
Experience Through Hard Work

By: Kevin Trentman

Even though wrestling and baseball are two different sports and at two different seasons, this years reserve teams were both doing the same thing, gaining experience and learning how their sport is really executed. This years wrestling team was very successful with a perfect 8-0 mark while the baseball team wasn't nearly as fortunate only going 1-5. B both of these squads records really were not important as the fact that they did learn their spo better and also learned how to work together and g the job done. With this valuable experience the young men should prove to be disciplined athletes well as fine young men for future years.



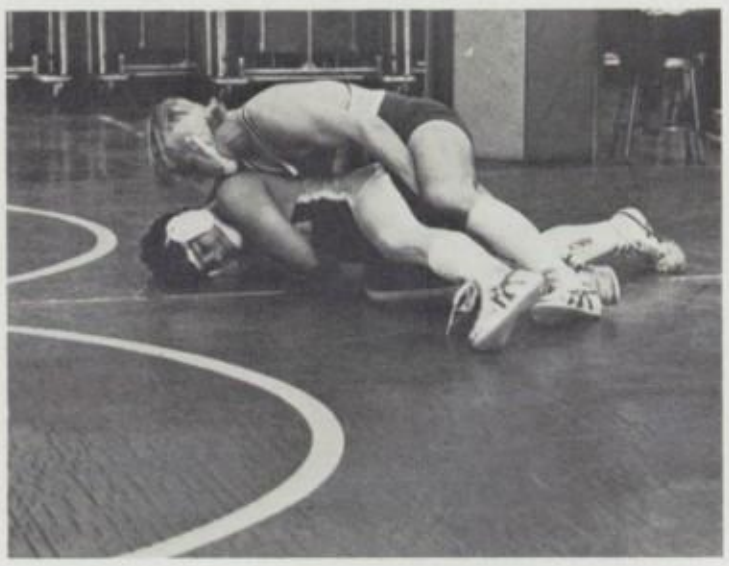
Front Row: Ray Bonifas, Joe Wrasman, Mark Wegesin, Matt Wrasman, Steve Adams, Jeff Klausing, Tom Cross, Ed Kleman. Back Row: Stats Jane Wittler, Stats Marcia Grone, Matt Jettinghoff, Tom Wrocklage, Todd Rode, Head Coach Ralph Ricker, Blake Roxlau, Tim Goergens, Scot Deffenbaugh, Stats Janet Wrasman, Chris Alder.



waiting the whistle, Todd Rode shows anticipation as he arts with an advantage.

Raising his hand triumphantly, Matt Jettinghoff appears happy with a win.

aneuvering for position, Ray Bonifas tries not to lose his grip his opponent.



A Drowning Season

By: Chris Kill

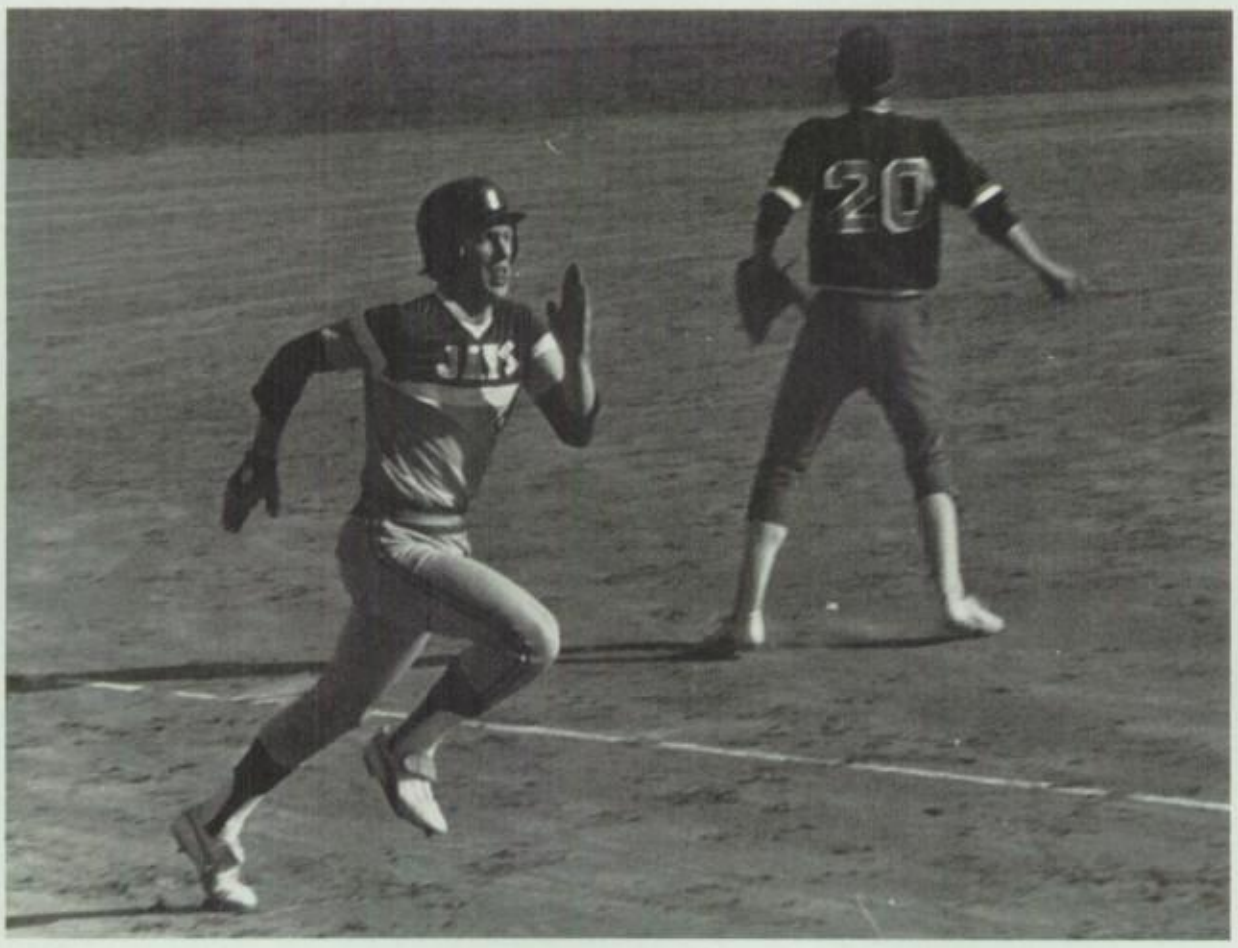
Come springtime there are usually two certain adages that can be heard, "Play ball" and "April showers bring May flowers." Unfortunately, the weather has dominance over the baseball schedule. For this year, the rain not only changed baseball's season format but literally washed out St. John's varsity baseball record. Before ever stepping out onto a diamond the team's season was half over due to rain cancellations. This caused much frustration and eagerness within the coaches and players. When the rain stopped, the Jays fell stricken to the adversities and lost their next ten games.

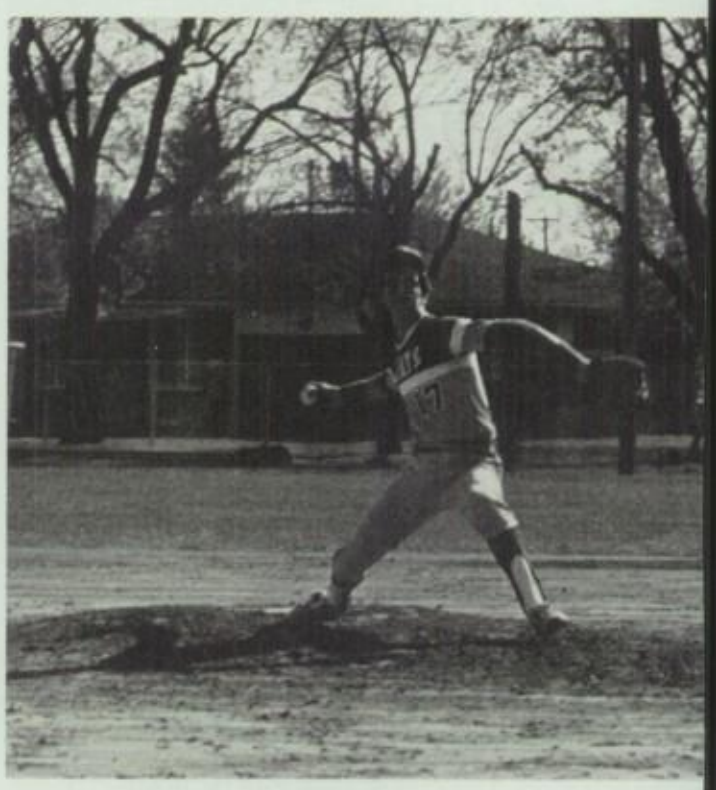
The Jays finally got untracked by the closing of th school year winning their first victory over Bluffton i tournament play. Also, in a league game agains state-bound Coldwater, the Blue Jays appeared t have won a major upset but due to a lack of relie pitching, a late inning spurt by the Calvaliers pu Coldwater on top by score of 4-3.

In the individual sunny spots, Kevin Trentma made MAC first team at the shortstop positio while Kevin Dickrede — left field, Kevin Geise — center field, and Buddy Bertling — pitcher mad Honorable Mention for league play.

Defending third base, freshman Steve Fortener waits for a throw to tag his opponent out, but the throw was not in time.

Rounding third, Kevin Dickrede heads for home. Kevin made the MAC All-Star Team for his outstanding performance as a pitcher.





Winding up to hurl a strike across the plate, Kevin Trentma shows the stuff that helped him to make 1st Team MAC, eve though it was his first year of high school baseball.

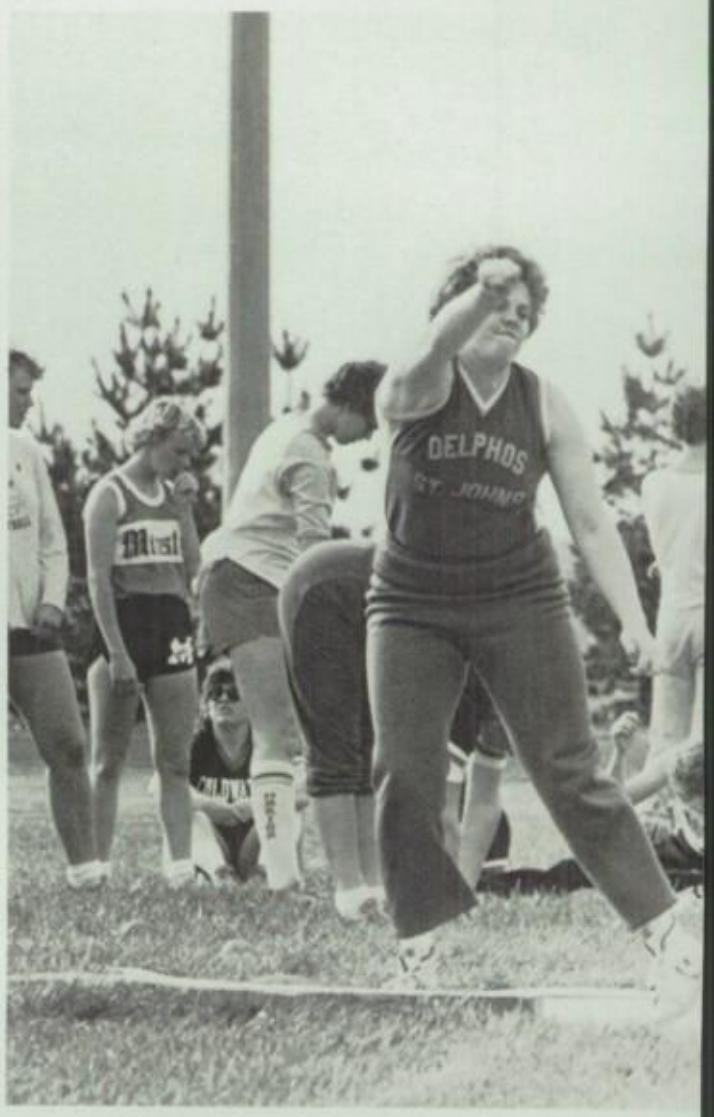
Varsity Baseball 0-10

MAC League	*0-7*
SJH 5	*Celina 10*
SJH 6	*Marion Local 12*
SJH 2	*St. Marys 5*
SJH 1	*Parkway 13*
SJH 5	*Mendon 6*
SJH 0	*St. Henry 2*
SJH 2	*New Knoxville 3*
SJH 4	*Bath 7*
SJH 3	*Coldwater 4*
SJH 0	*Minster 8*
	Sectional
SJH 4	*Bluffton*
1	
SJH 5	*Spencerville*
10	

Putting everything he has behind his swing, Andy Vonderembse tries to help the team against Bath.

Front row: Stats Sue Schimmoeller, Karen Wienken, Theresa Laudick, Carolyn Wieging, Teresa Stocklin. Second row: Mike Fortener, Steve Fortener, Tab Fischbach, Jerry Jackson, Mike Swick, Kevin Geise, Buddy Bertling, Mgr. Steve Davis. Back row: Coach Don Huysman, Dave Zalar, Andy Vonderembse Duane Dickrede, Nick Mills, Greg Williams, Kevin Trentman, Kevin Dickrede, Bill Humpert, and Coach Alan Unterbrink.

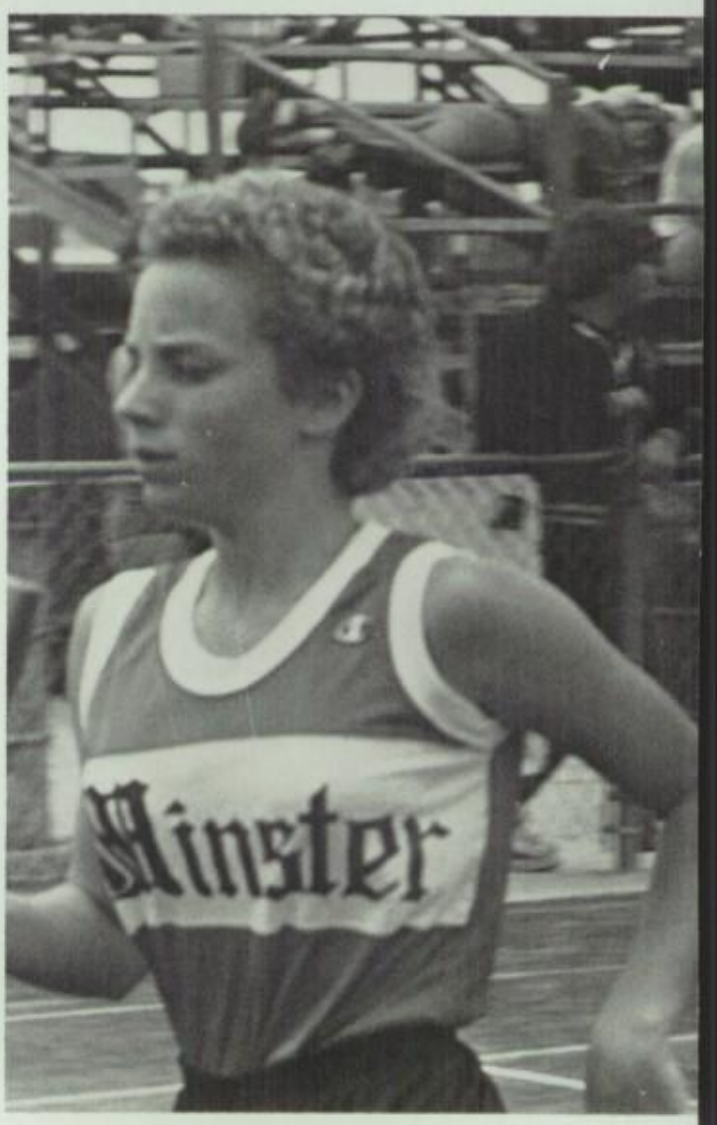
Taking a practice put at the MAC meet, Marcia Rode gives h
best effort.



After handing off to Amy Mueller at the state track meet, Julie Harpster slows down to watch the rest of the race.

Flying through the air with the greatest of ease is Teresa Von Deylen making her last attempt at the MAC meet.

Handing off to Matt Scarr, the last leg of the 3200 meter relay, Doug Rode finishes his turn.



At district tournament, Monica Ruen, last leg of the 32
relay.

Keeping Pace With Success

y: Monica Ruen

St. John's had a first this year, boys on the track eam. A total of five boys participated on the team his year, they were; Eugene Lause, Matt Scarr, oug Rode, Tim Menke, and Jim Giesken. They only ompeted in four meets, including the MAC, and istricts.

Keeping pace with the success of all of the sports eams, the track team had one of its best. They went -7 on the regular season, and finished with a great AC meet. In the MAC meet, the 3200 relay team laced second, Sue Lindeman made the finals in the w hurdles. Monica Ruen brought in a first in the 600 meter run, setting a new meet record, and a ird in the 800 meter dash. Amy Stemen placed xth in the high jump, earning herself a varsity letter, nd Marcia Rode placed fourth in the shot put, with a ut of 35' 1 ½". This year the sectional-district eet was held on Thursday and finals on Saturday. ompeting on Thursday and advancing to the finals ere Jodi Horstman and Lynn Pothast in the 200 eter dash, Monica Ruen in the 800 and 1600 eter run, Marcia Rode in the shot put, and Matt carr in the 3200 meter run. Matt placed fifth on aturday, one place short of advancing.

Advancing on to regional tournament were Marcia Rode in the shot put, who missed competing in the finals by three places, Monica Ruen in the 1600 meter run placed sixth, just two away from a trip to state and the 3200 relay team consisting of Teresa Von Deylen, Julie Harpster, Amy Mueller, and Monica Ruen. They placed third at regionals with a time of 10:06, a new school record, and were on their way to state. The state meet which was held on June 4, was a new experience for all of the girls and as a consequence they ran a 10:15, not their best. Julie Harpster, second leg of the relay, had a vow "We'll get 'em next year!" Mr. Dave Alt, coach of the team, said he couldn't be more proud of his team.

Front Row: Elaine Fuerst, Vickie Ditto, Amy Shumaker, Marcia Rode, Amy Schwinnen, Monica Ruen, Amy Mueller, Teresa Von Deylen. 2nd Row: Sue Scarr, Karen Seffernick, Jodi Horstman, Sue Lindeman, Barbara Hemker, Amy Stemen, Nancy Ebbeskotte, Cheryl Baumgarte, Jackie Bockey, Bev Hilvers. 3rd Row: Marcia Grone, Julie Wrasman, Sandy Schimmoeller, Lisa Schwinnen, Lori Harpster, Kathy Ruen, Chris Fischer, Carla Wannemacher, Julie Harpster, Cheryl Etzkorn. 4th Row: Barb Recker, Lynn Pothast, Amy Hohman, Kim Birkmeier, LuAnn Gedeon, Dana Lause, Lisa Baldauf, Julie Buettner, Jane Wittler, Susan Siefker. 5th Row: Chuck Krummel, Ray Funk, Kim Gerdeman, Jeanie Wagner, Michelle Jones, Chris Alder, Lisa Miller, Kim Weber, Judy Wieging, Janet Wrasman, Dave Alt and Fr. Dave Bruning.

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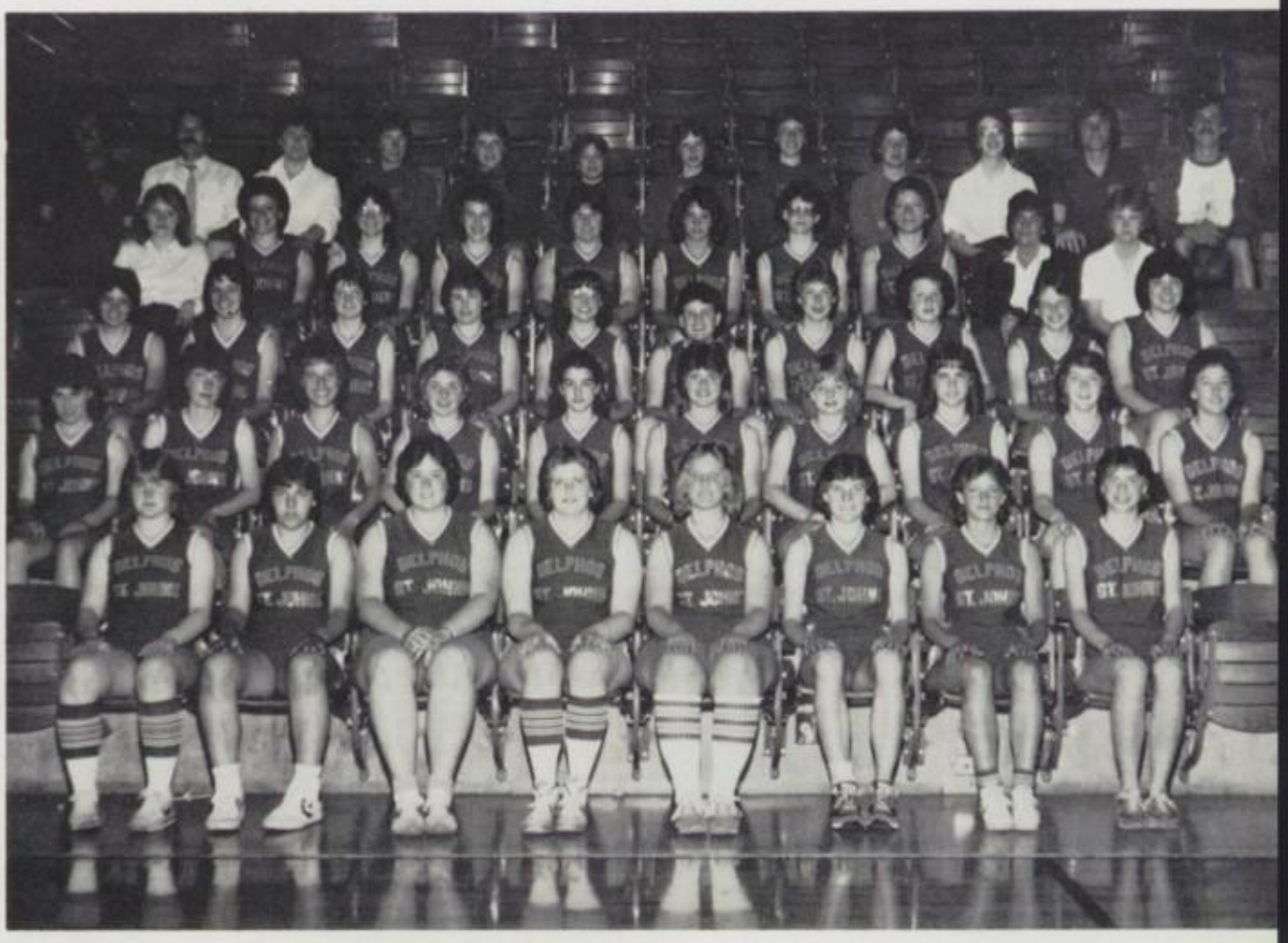
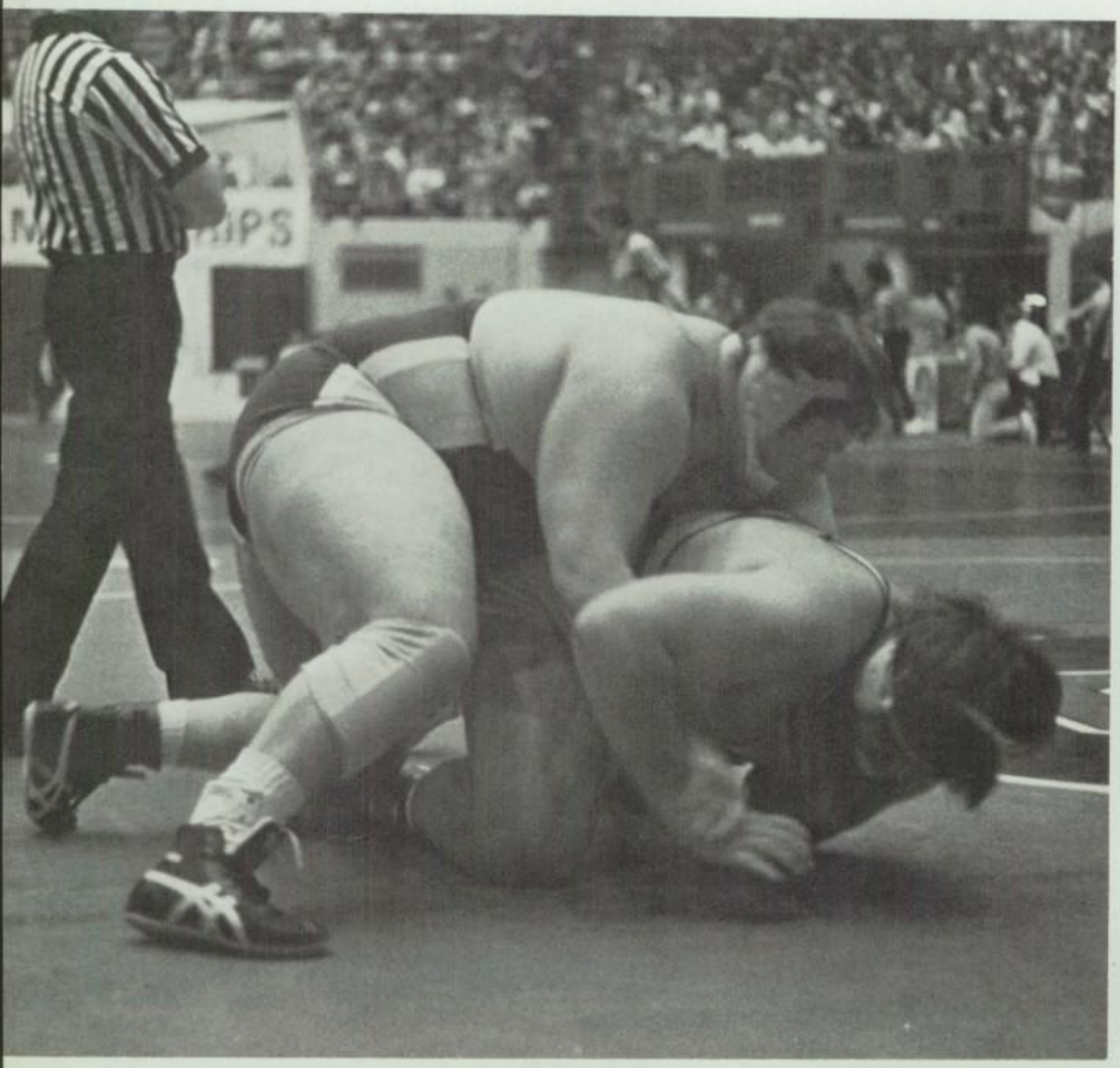
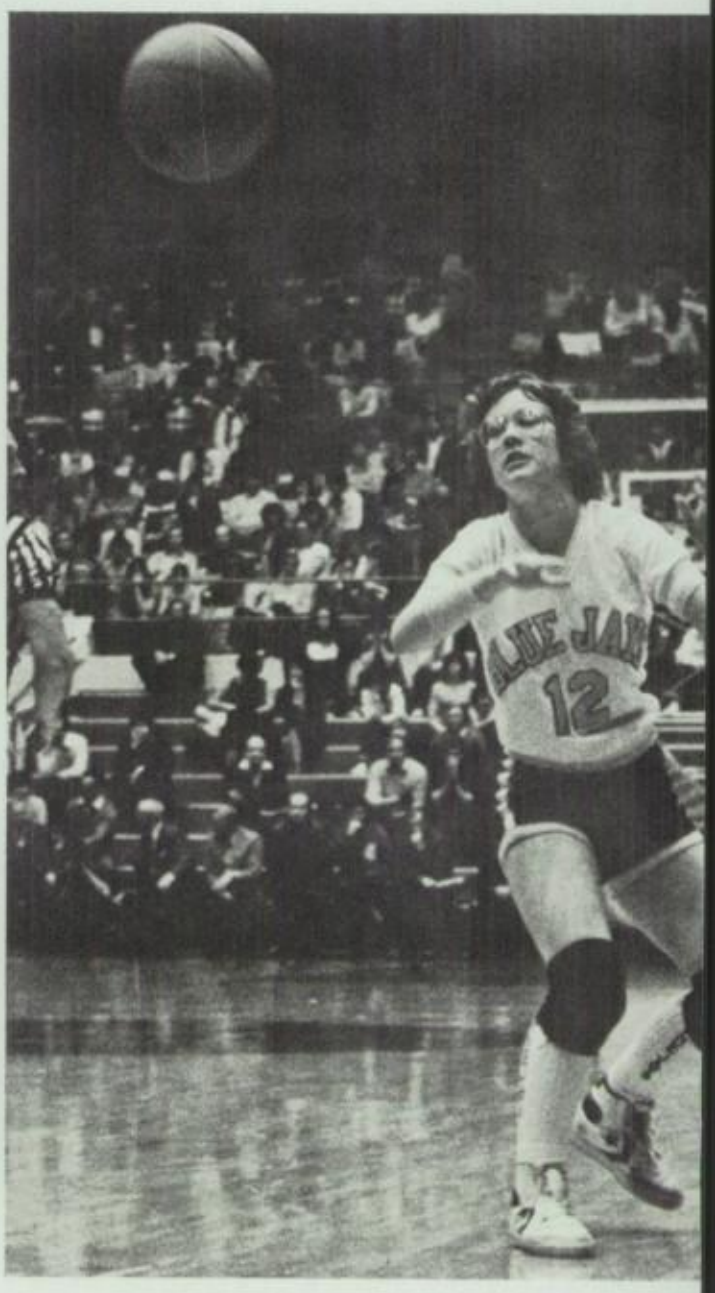
m, does her best to keep up with Minster.





Wrestling to a 4th place finish in State competition, Paul Hal trys to maneuver his way out for an escape.

Executing ball movement, Julie Clark makes an assist again Zanesville in Class A Girls State tournament game.



Celebrating the thrill of victory, Deanne Kaverman, Diane Hirn, Carolyn Wieging and Theresa Laudick, show their excitement on the boys basketball regional championship.

Running in the State 3200 Relay Finals, Freshman Julie Harpster gives a 110% for a 13th place finish.

A Banner Year!!!

y: Chris Kill

For St. John's student body, it is no surprise to in a tournament game or match unlike many hools who feel lucky to achieve just one victory. e real challenge is to guess how far a St. John's am or individual can go in tournament play.

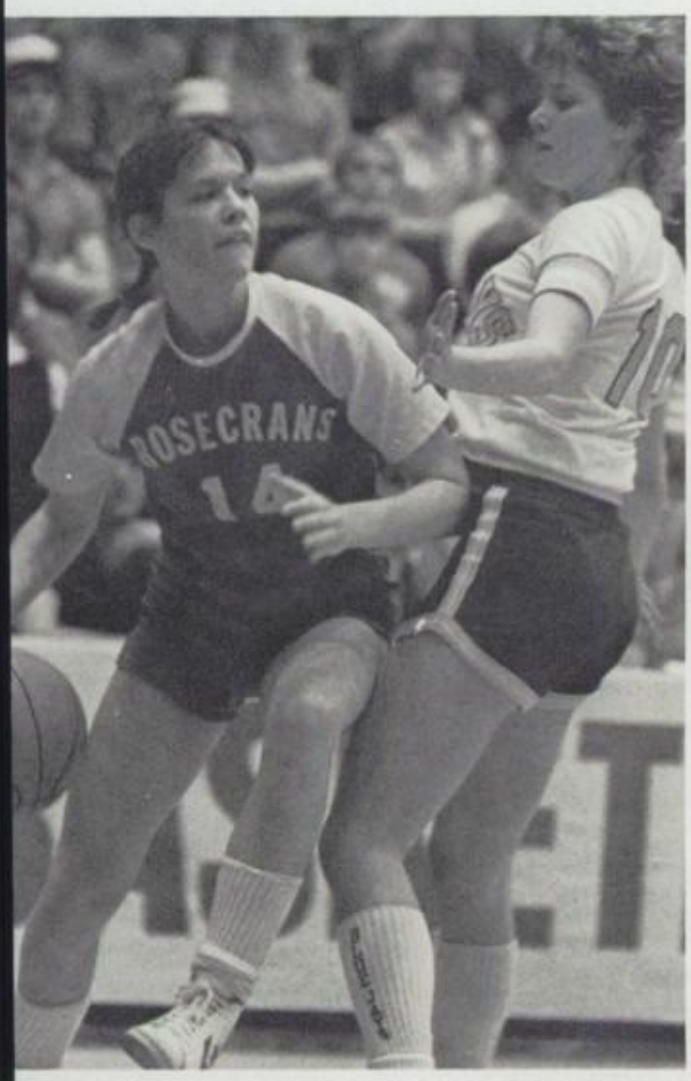
Almost completely unaware students wonder ho will be next to reach State Competition. From e wondering, a student begins to dream how he or e can make it pass districts. Now you have stu- nts from every grade becoming dedicated in their ort, striving to be the best and ultimately a drive wn to Columbus.

In the fall season, eyes were opened when the ue Jays football squad had a chance to make the yoffs by earning enough computer points, only to l short by a loss on the season's final game. An- her surprise came when freshman newcomer Matt arr qualified for districts in cross country, Monica en reached districts for her second straight year.

The winter program proved to be even more illustrious, Paul Hale and John Bonifas both made it to State Wrestling competition, with Hale placing 4th in his weight class, and like clockwork the varsity girls basketball team once again reached the State finals. The girls lost a hard fought battle to eventual Class A Champions Zanesville Rosecrans, 52-66. To cap off the winter, a Boys State Basketball Championship was won for Coach Bob Arnzen and his team.

Come spring time when everyone thinks it is time to go home for the summer, a 3200 meter girls track relay team shocked everybody but the girls themselves, by earning a State berth. The relay team consisted of Julie Harpster, Teresa Von Deylen, Amy Mueller and Monica Ruen, they placed 13th out of 15 teams.

A congratulations goes out to everybody who participated and gave it their all during tournament play and a special thanks for those who went the extra distance by making this one of the best athletic years St. John's has ever seen.



ring pressure defense, Kathy Ebbeskotte attempts to stop a ecran from driving to the lane.

Lady Queen of Victory pray for us is the words reverently being spoken by Coach Ray Funk, John Bonifas, and Paul Hale before competing in St. John's Arena for the State Wrestling Finals.

Nobody did it better

Who would have believed that at the end of the Boys' Basketball season, that they would have won the MAC, gone undefeated and brought home the "A" State trophy?! At the beginning of the season, hopes were high for making a return trip to Columbus to make up for a disappointing loss to eventual Champs, Middletown Fenwick. But what transpired was more than anyone had really dreamed possible. But then, no one was really surprised.

With a perfect 20-0 record going into tournament and being ranked #1 in both wire service polls, the pressure appeared to be on. Everyone wanted to see Coach Bob Arnzen finally win a Championship after 33 years at SJH and three previous unsucessful attempts. Many wanted to win just because the guys on this year's team had worked so hard to be where they were. But for many, just the fact that there hadn't been a Boys' State Champion here since 1949 had a lot to do with the anxiety and nervousness that hit. And our fans more than others knew that #1 ratings and undefeated seasons didn't get you to State. Before tournament had even begun, showdowns with area powerhouses Ottoville and Kalida were already being talked about by fans. People had the script all written before the first buzzer even sounded.

People worried that trying to stay undefeated and "having" to face Kalida and St. Henry, again would be too much to overcome. But more than anything else, five seniors had a commitment to themselves to keep. Back in sixth grade, they had made a promise to be State Champs as seniors. This was to be their only chance to prove this.

Two lopsided wins over Parkway (96-59) and Crestview (51-40) in Sectionals gave the team a little extra time to breathe.

And then just as many people had hoped-/feared, the next opponent was to be Kalida. And just as the year before, it was a great game. In a contest that went all the way to the wire, the Jays made a tremendous comeback from being down by as much as 14 points at one time. But they eventually won, (63-61), and as expected, their next game was against the Big Green of Ottoville. And once again the guys found themselves down by 11. What was knotting many people's stomachs was fast becoming the trademark of this team . . . NEVER BUCKLE UNDER TO PRESSURE. These guys never said die and went on to win 71-65. From here it was on to the Regionals in Toledo. Here there was the possibility of a rematch with MAC runner-up, St. Henry. Everything was running according to the script.

In the first game, Fostoria St. Wendelin wasn't going to let the name St. John's intimidate them. While they trailed the whole first half, they made a valiant turn around in the second, but finally losing 65-57 to the Jays.

In the second game that evening, little-known but powerful Holgate tore up the script by downing St. Henry. Holgate's Jesse Mendeszabo shot the eyes out of the basket and gave the script a whole new look. But the Jays took it all in stride and proceeded to show Jesse and company how to play ball. When the smoke had cleared, St. John's had won 72-40.

And now for seniors: Steve Pohlman; Kevin Trentman; John Bockey; Dan Geise and Jeff Osting, many years of shooting layups and foul shots and making promises to themselves were nearly over.

Finally, the weekend everybody had hoped/planned for was now here. Butterflies in large numbers were the order of the day. The first opponent was to be Buckeye Trail, rated #3 and sporting "A" Player of the Year, Mike Smith.

Trail lead the whole game, at one point by 10. Our fans knew that the guys wouldn't give up. But as the time ran down, prayers to St. Jude were offered. To make it look even worse, Trail fans headed for the ticket windows for the Championship game.

And then, in answer to the prayers, the Jays made their comeback. With just five seconds left in the game, Kevin Trentman took a rebound back to the hoop to send the game into overtime.

The overtime was a carbon copy of the final moments of regulation. But with just two seconds left and SJH ahead by two, many Delphos fans began to line up for tickets, much to the surprise of the Trail fans already there. But those two seconds were enough for the Warriors to pull the game saver of all time. Trail rocketed the inbounds pass the entire length of the floor to Smith, who waited at the foul line with two Jay defenders acting as his shadow. He took the pass, turned and put the ball in the hoop. Pandemonium broke loose as the game headed into its second overtime. How much punishment could the fans take?

In this stanza, the Jays were able to build a small lead as they finally went on to win 74-71. There was just one more hurdle left . . . New Washington Buckeye Central, rated #2.

On Saturday afternoon, with Tums in hand, and prayers and Faith in their hearts, our fans took their places for yet another super game. Unlike the previous games, the guys kept this one close, never trailing by more than five. The lead changed hands throughout the contest. And with three minutes left, Kev Trentman sank a drive and the Jays were ahead for good. In the closing minutes, Junior Kevin Geise came through

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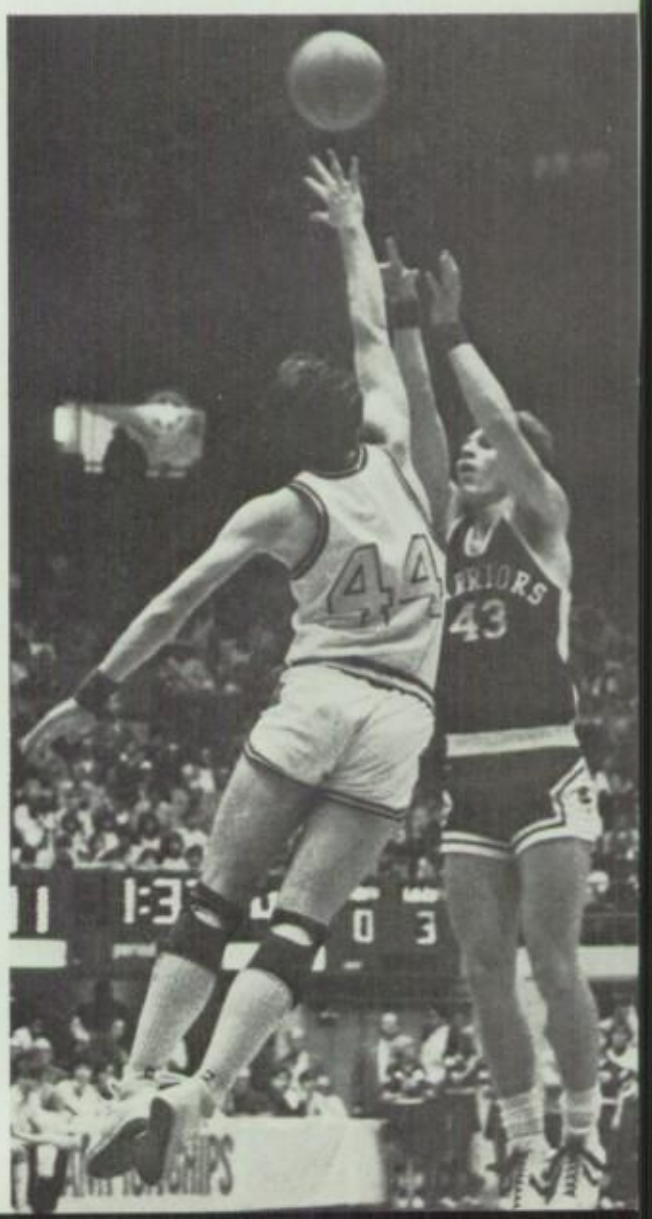
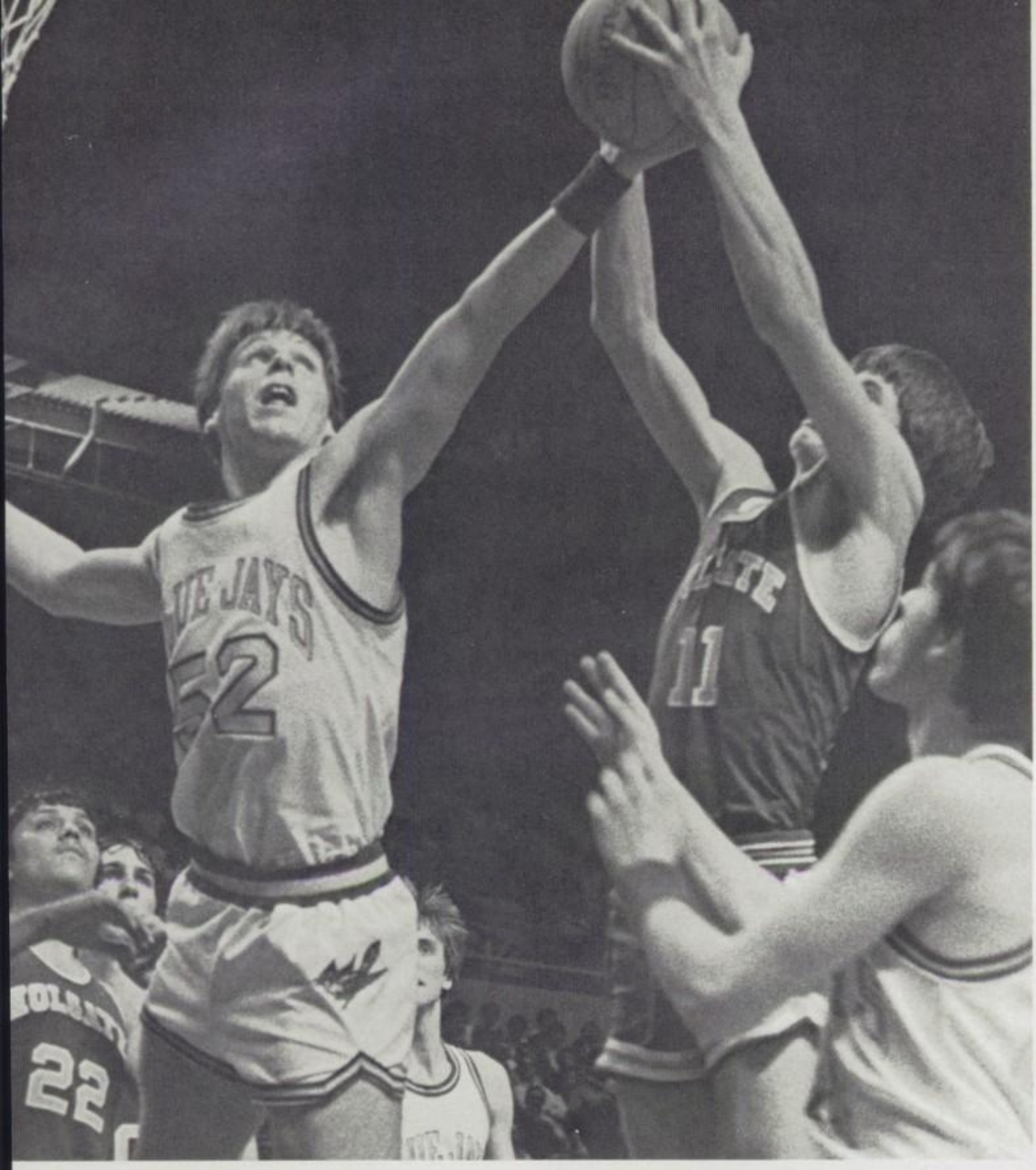
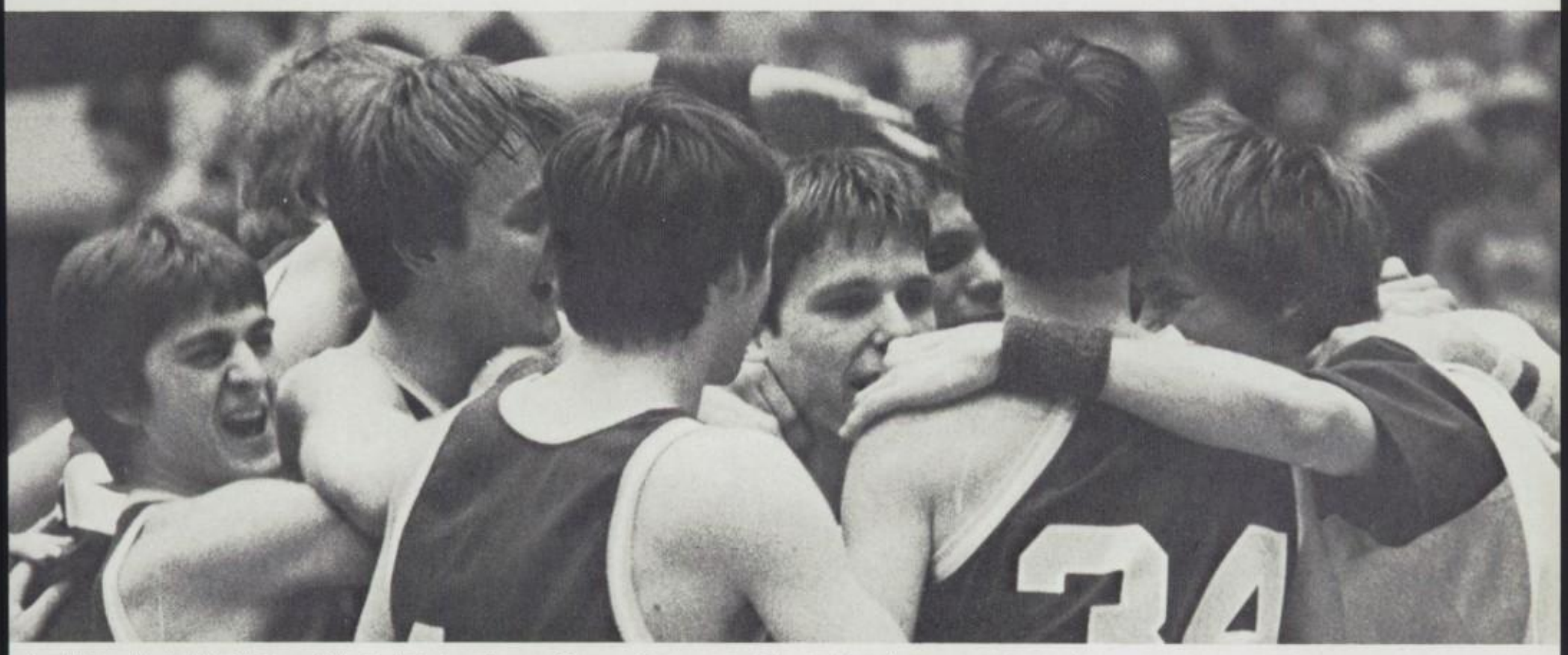




Slapping the ball out of a Holgate player's hands, Steve Pohlman shows why Holgate was only able to score 40 points in their Regional Final game against St. John's. They lost 72-40.



ping high to block #43, All Stater Mike Smith's shot, Dan se displays the defensive moves that helped the Jays defeat Warriors (74-71) in the double overtime semi-final game. (All otos by Ashby)

After saying a prayer of thanksgiving, the team gets into position to do their high-five to celebrate their State Championship victory over New Washington Buckeye Central, 54-48.

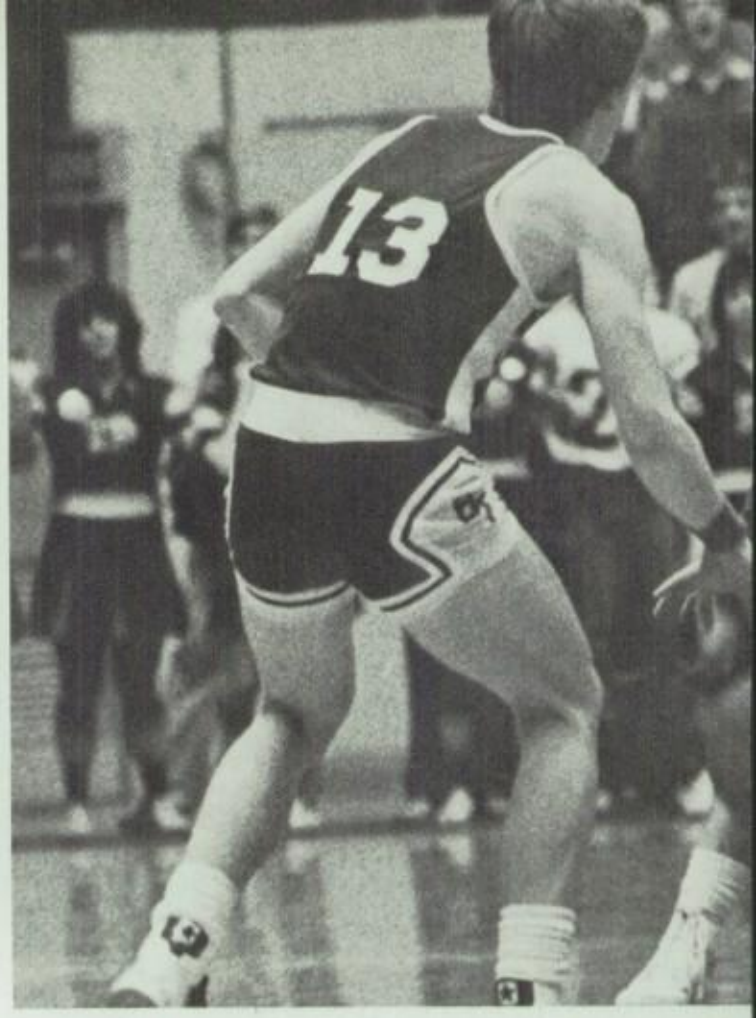
Nobody did it better

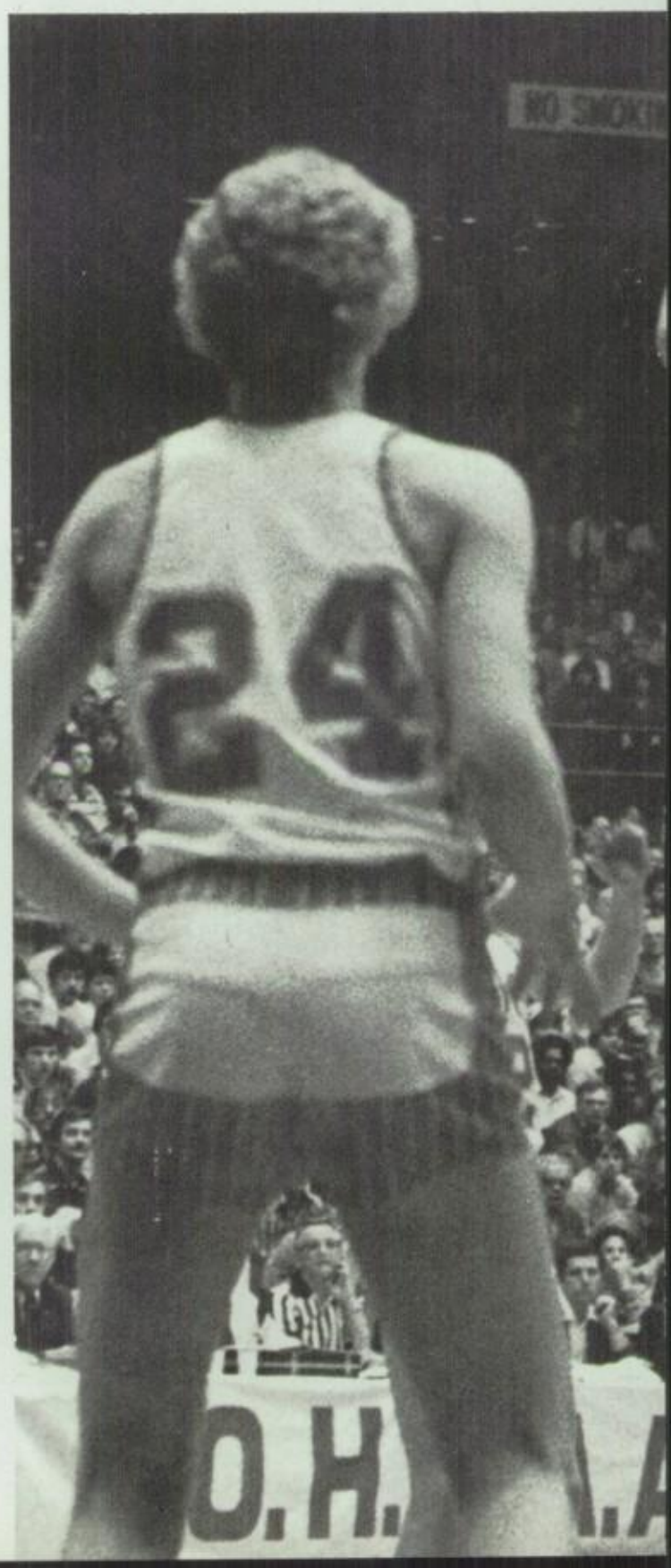
again when he was called upon to shoot key free throws.

As time clicked off the clock, St. John Arena echoed with the roar of the J-A-Y-S cheer. As tears streamed down many faces, people hugged and jumped and screamed for their Champions. And when the final buzzer sounded, the Jays were the undisputed Champs with a perfect 28-O record. But before they celebrated, the team had one more thing to do. They met at center court as they had done in previous games and said a prayer of thanks. And as that ended, they lept high into the air for a "mob" high-five. Now the celebrating could begin.

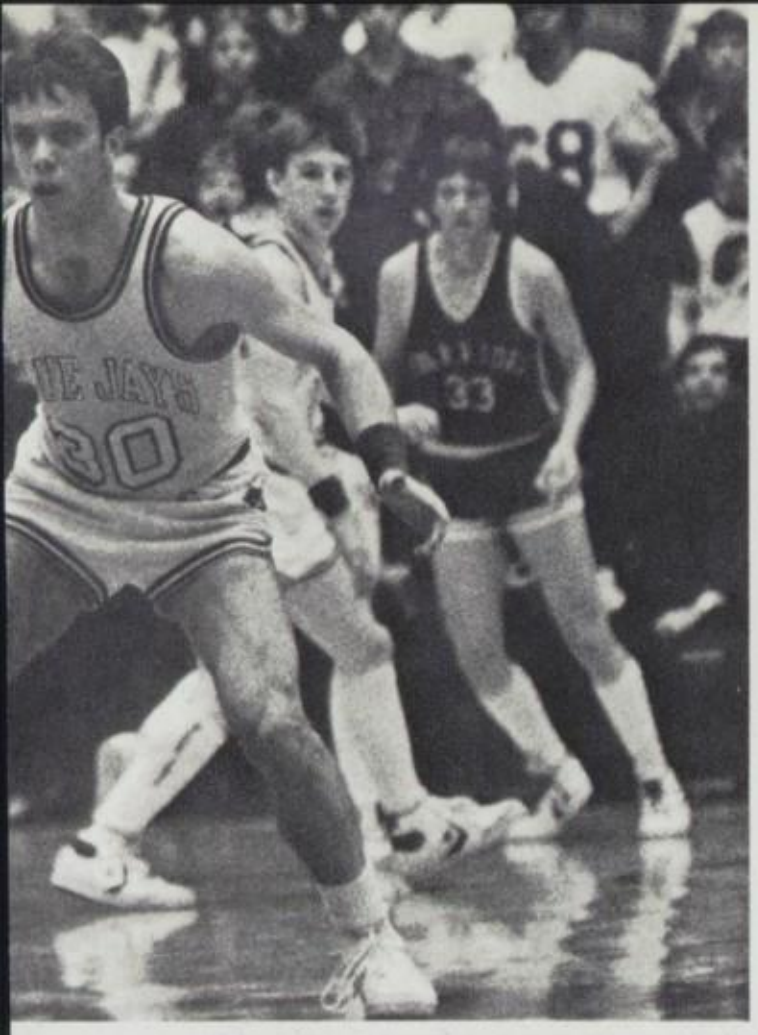
And celebrate they did. Main Street became Blue Jay Way and many people awoke Sunday morning with headaches to remind them that Saturday's victory had really happened. And to round out the festivities, it was announced that John Bockey had been named as the Tournament MVP and was also on the All Tournament team along with Dan Geise and Kevin Trentman.

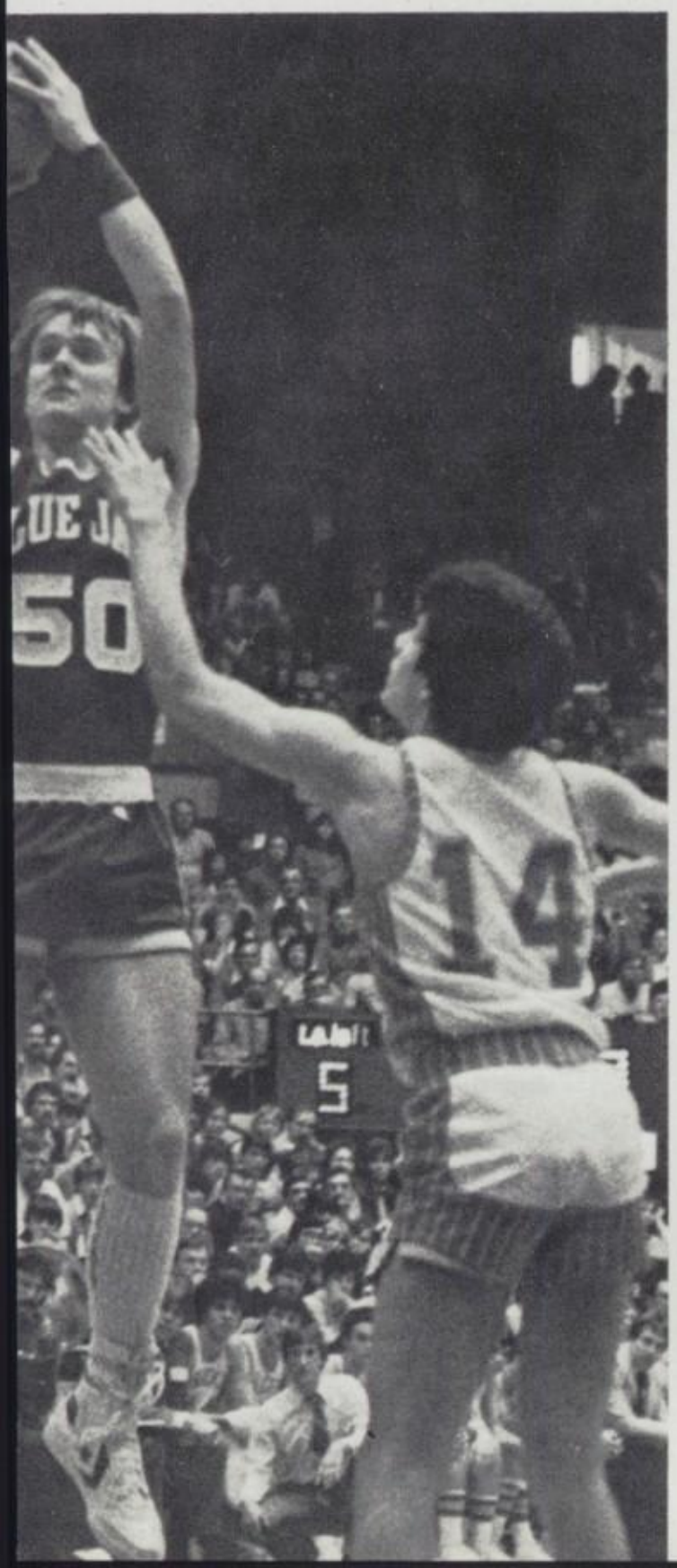
And then as memories began to fade in late May, Coach Arnzen was named to the All American Catholic Prep Cage Coach of the Year by the Catholic newspaper of the Chicago Diocese. And fans never seemed to get enough of the victories as they bought audio tapes to listen to on those cool May evenings. And for die hard fans, there was always spaghetti and video replays of the games waiting for them at John Metzner's. And for many years to come, people would talk about the year that NOBODY DID IT BETTER.



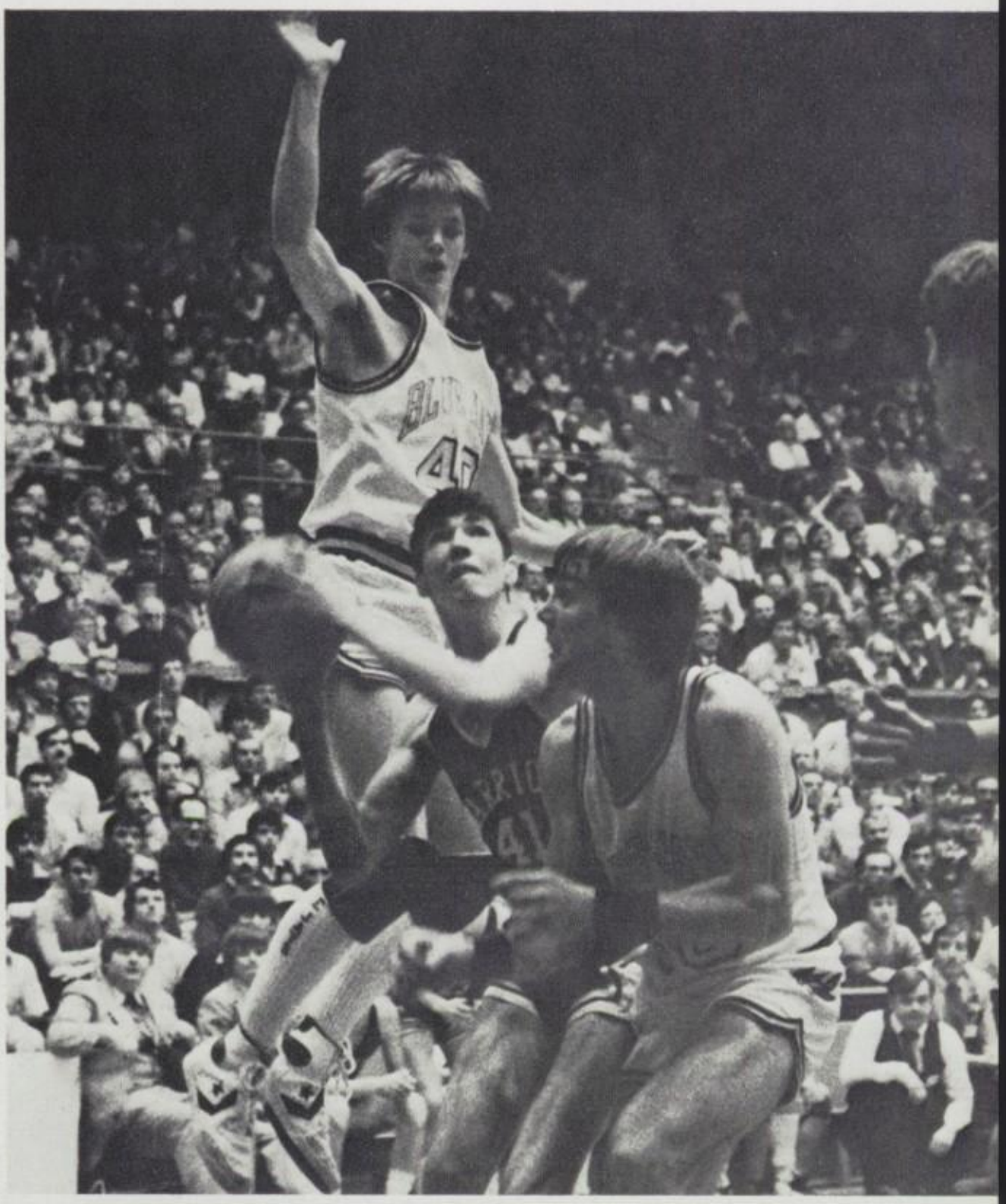


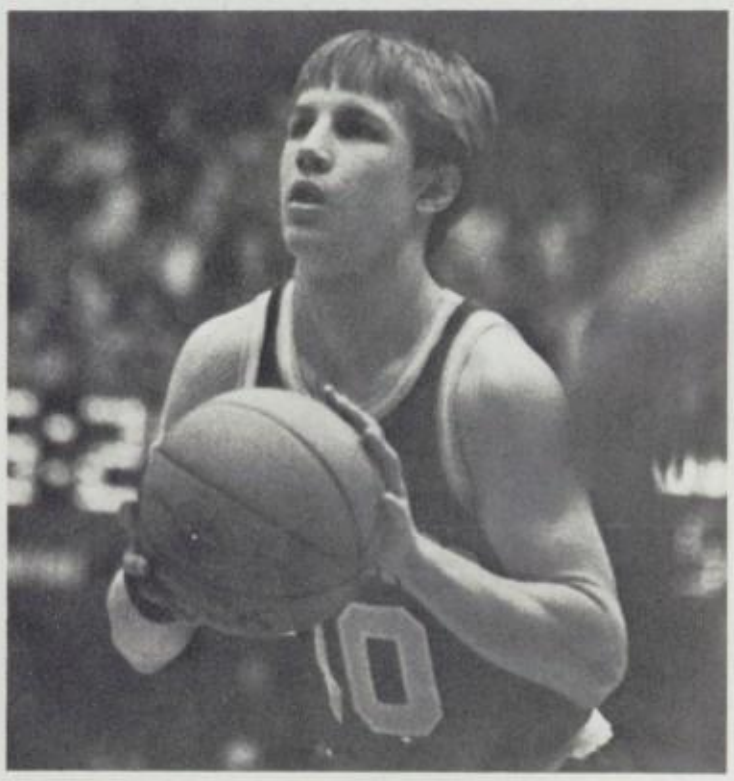
1983 State Champions: Front Row: Mary Ann Wittler, Elise Mueller, Linda Bergfeld, Alison Rose, Lanna Smith, Sue Youngpeter, Todd Gable. Second Row: Carol Klaus (stats), Kathy Ebbeskotte (stats), John Bockey, Kevin Trentmen, Steve Pohlman, Dan Geise, Jeff Osting, Julie Clark (stats), Kevin Knebel (stats). Third Row: Mike Swick (mgr), Ken Burgei, Mike Gable (mgr), Coach Al Unterbrink, Kevin Geise, Jeff Schwieterman, Larry Geise, Bud Bertling, Tim Geise, Tony Odenweller, Mike Metzner (tr), Tim Reindel, Coach Dave Alt, Head Coach Bob Arnzen.





Keeping Warrior, Tony Starr, from crossing half-court, Kevin Trentman dares him to make his move. Kevin was named to the All Tournament team. (All photos by Ashby)





Tournament MVP, John Bockey readies to score two of his 20 points against Buckeye Central. His two game total was 45.

Feeling like a Warrior sandwich, #41 Bob Shugert, tries to get off a shot against high-flying Larry Geise and coiled to spring, John Bockey.

Only shooting about 60% from the line during regular season, Kevin Geise shows how he earned the title "Mr. Clutch" during tournament. He made 20 of 25 free throws, nine of 11 in the last two games in Columbus.

One of the many factors in making a good yearbook are the ads. And without the help of the downtown businessmen, the yearbook wouldn't be the great success it is.

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Not only did the area businessmen provide valuable service to the students of St. John's, but they also provided opportunities for employment. With the economic situation in such a bind, not a weekend passed without groans from students with hands reached into empty wallets or purses. And, if Mom and Dad weren't soft enough to replenish the supply of cash, the student had only two choices: Heaven forbid, staying at home on the weekends, or getting a job.

Because of this, it wasn't long before St. John's students were pounding the pavement looking for jobs not only in Delphos but in other nearby communities as well. Over half the percent of St. John's High School students found those much needed jobs.

Though money has grown tighter in recent years many businessmen found that they could dig a little deeper into their pockets to support our yearbook. So, we thank you, area businessmen, for all you do.
— By: The Editors

High School students can be a vital factor in the success of area businesses. Senior Mary Reindel takes an order from one of the many customers at Nu Maude's Restaurant.

Explaining the procedure to draw up ads to Kevin Geise are editors Jenn Heitmeyer and Erin McRedmond.

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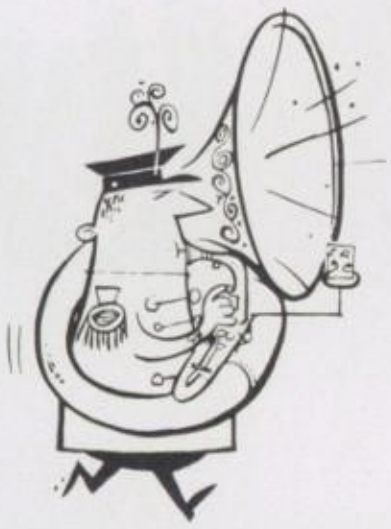

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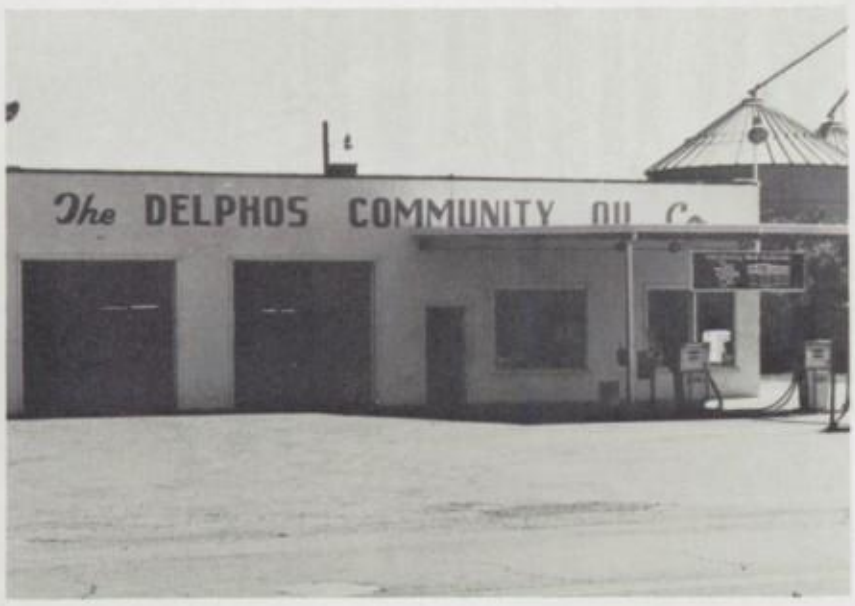

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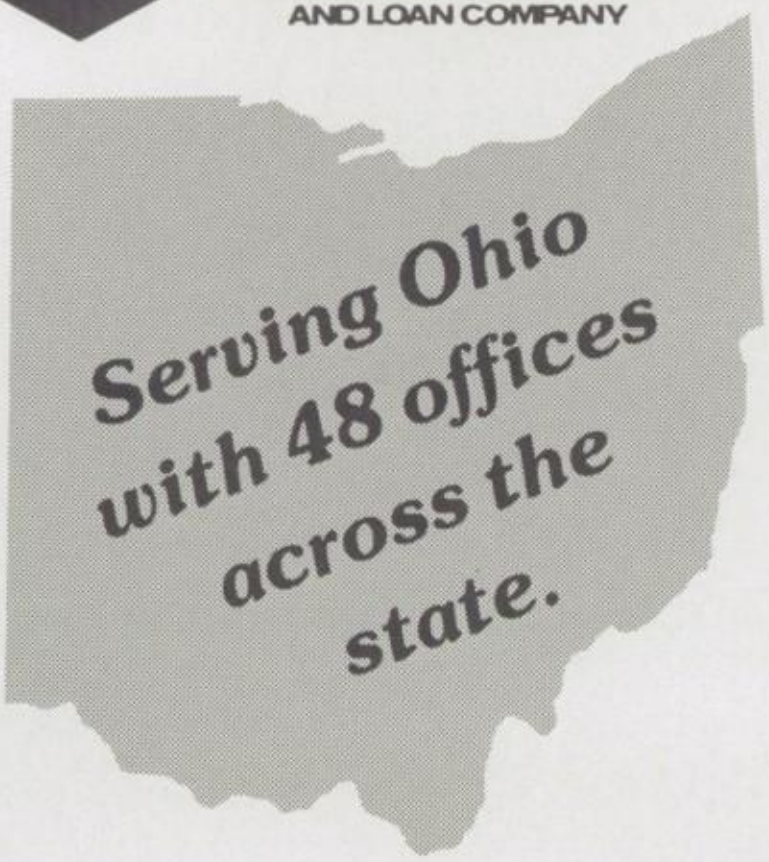

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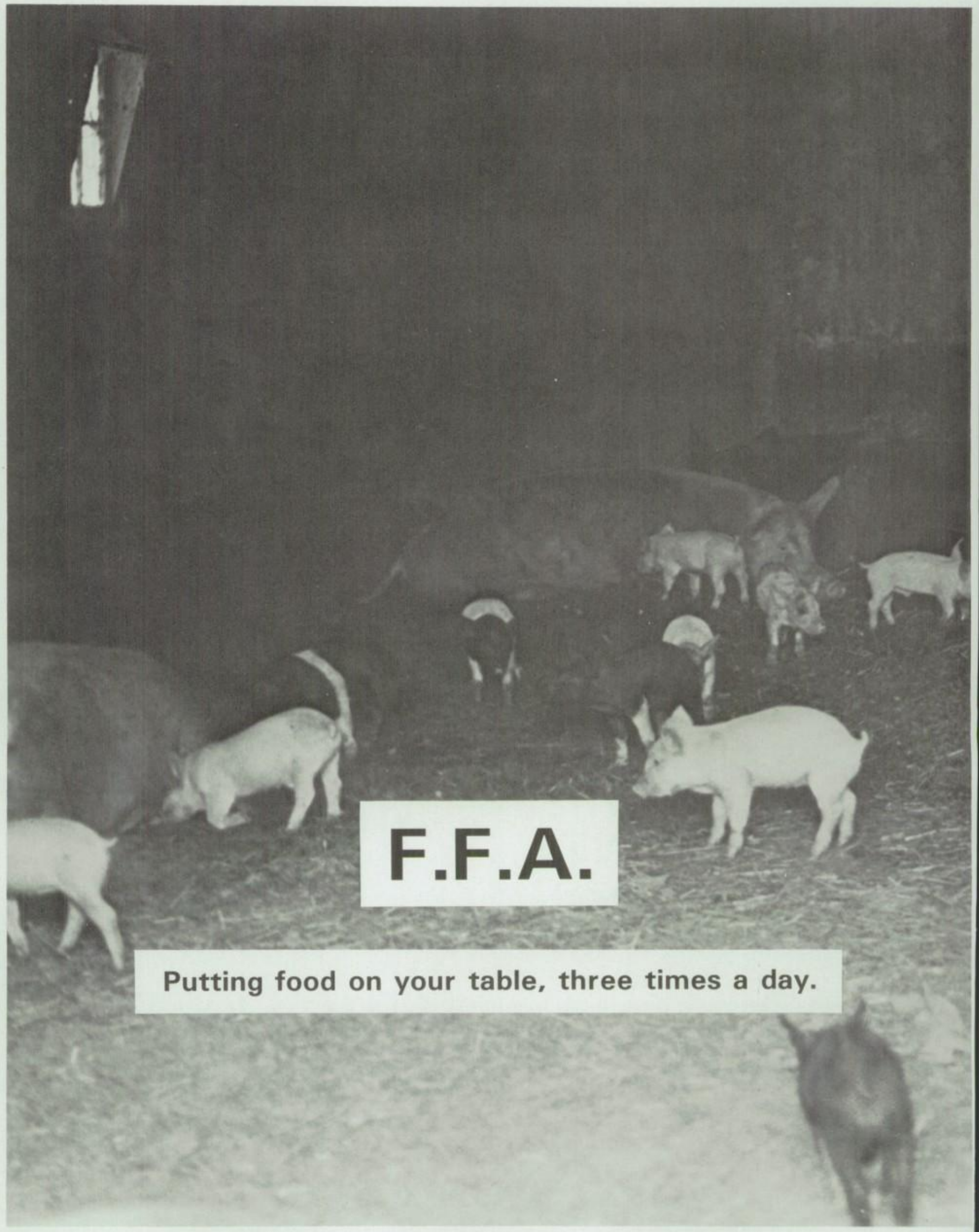
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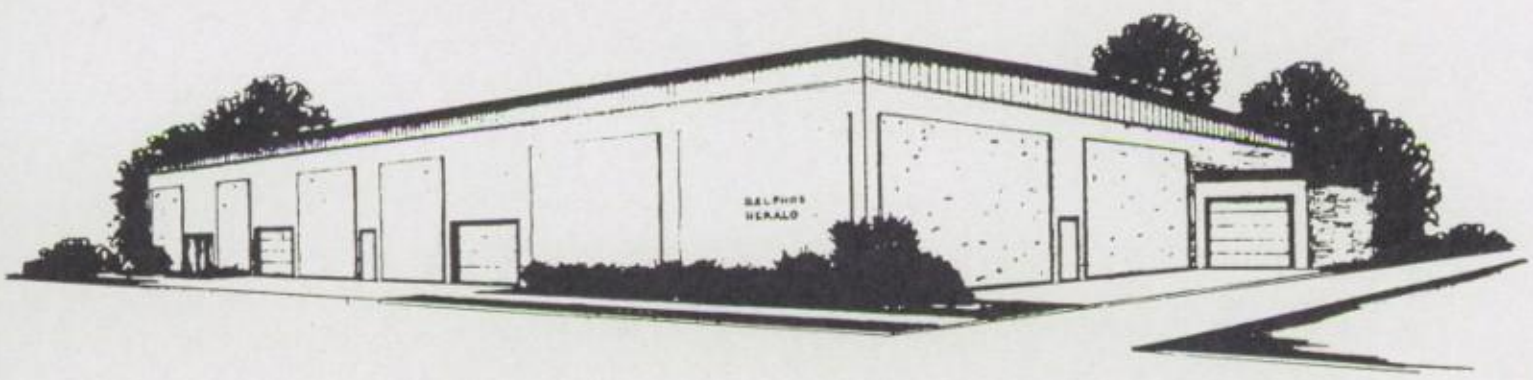

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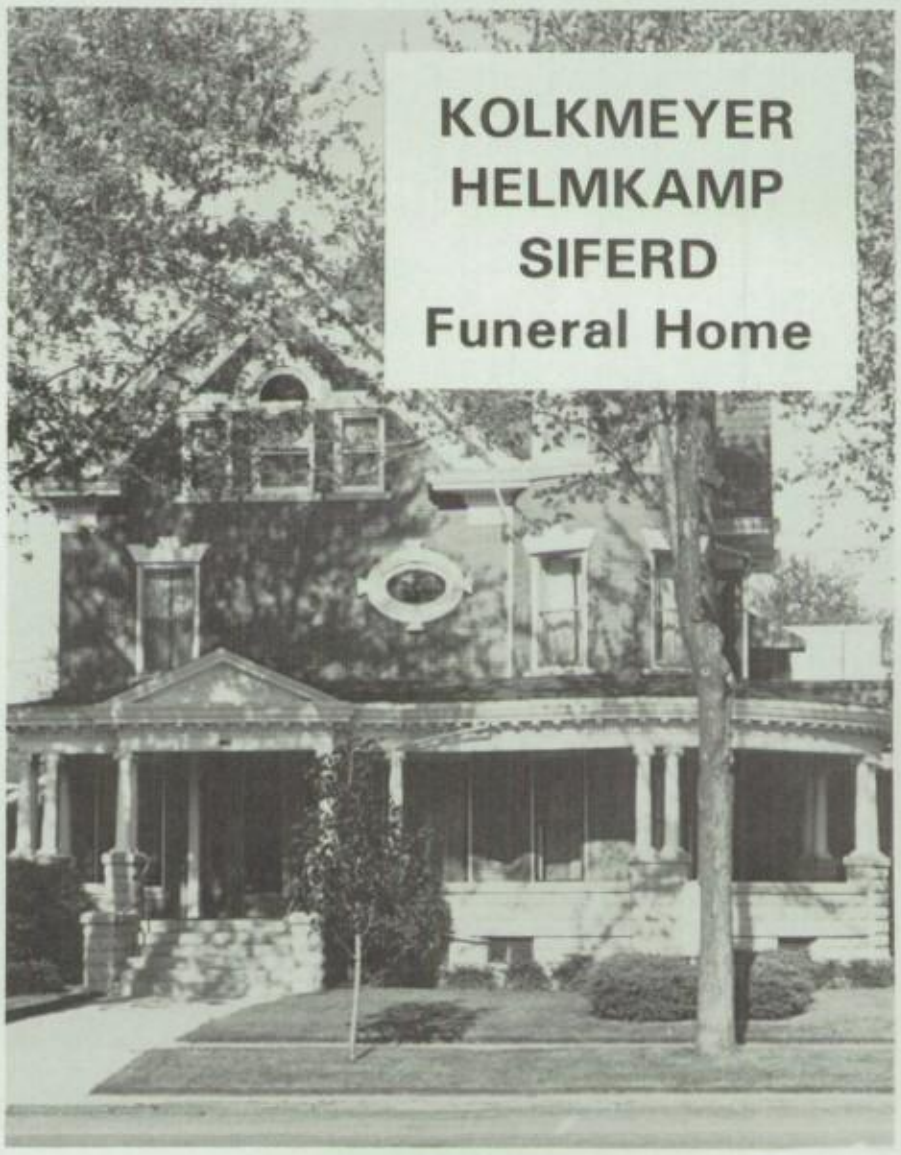

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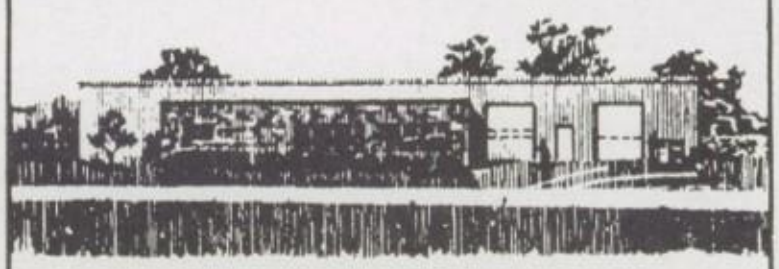

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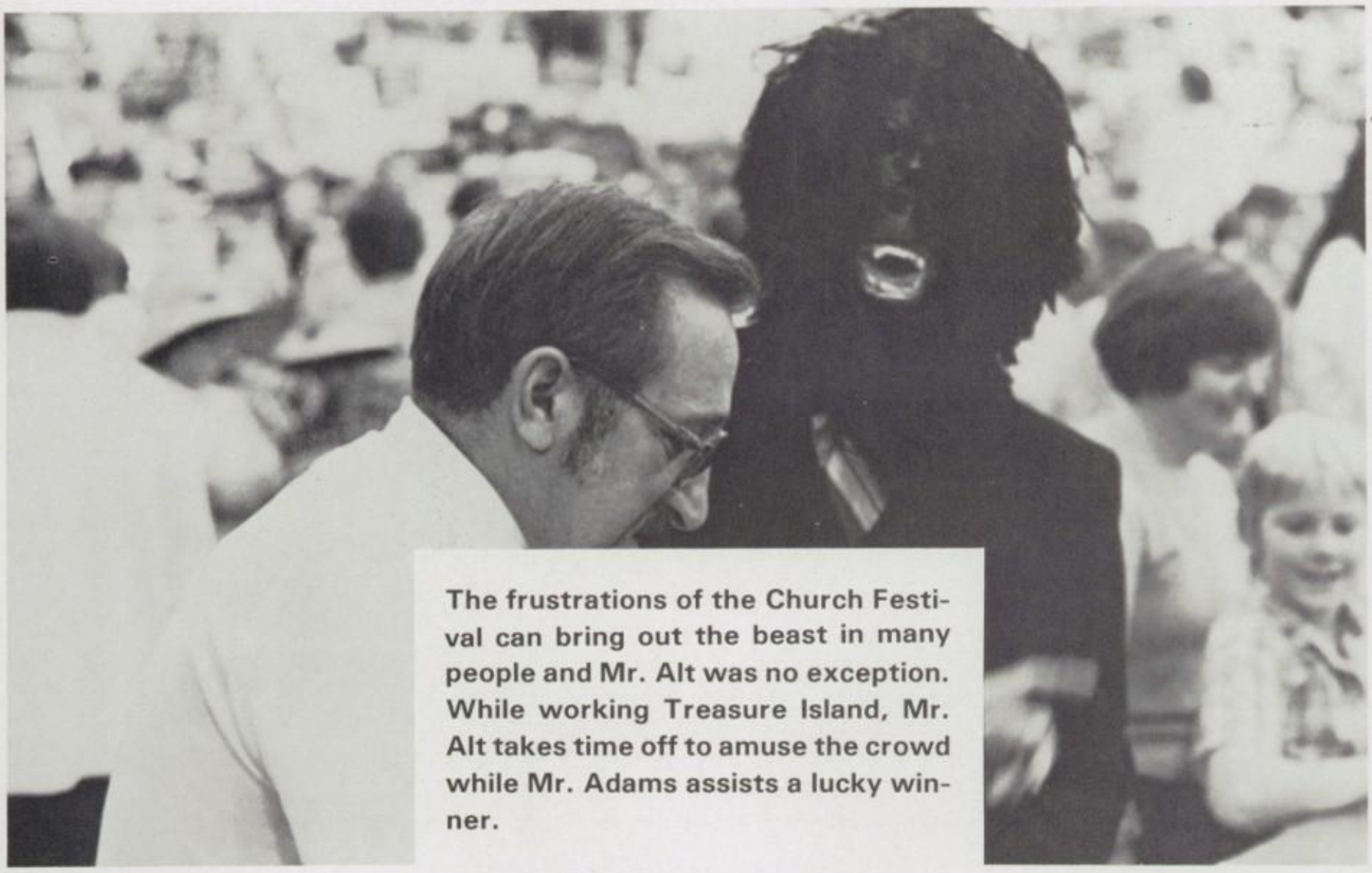

The frustrations of the Church Festival can bring out the beast in many people and Mr. Alt was no exception. While working Treasure Island, Mr. Alt takes time off to amuse the crowd while Mr. Adams assists a lucky winner.

A

A classe *de 83 bonne chance toujours!*
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B

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Boc, *You were right, life went on Prissy*

C

Cheri — *Split between pants and long-johns*
Cindy, *Thanx for everything!!!! Teresa*
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D

Don't *forget us Marcia! Lisa & Kelly*
Duane *thanks 4 being so sweet! Jodi*

F

Football *cheerleaders nice job! WH & PH*
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For the *friends I have, thanks . . . Niki*
Friends, *thanks for being there! Randi*

G

Good luck *in the future Jane! Love Dad*
Good Luck *in the future Karen K. Sue*
Good Luck *Jane! Love Mom*
Good luck *next year football team A fan*
Good luck *seniors' Schwinnen & Noonan*
Good job *football team of 82 from a fan*
Good job *Nadine! Mom & Dad*
Great job *football team of 82 a fan*
Great job *guys on the football season*
Great job *Kuz and the 82 Marching Band*

H

Hey Jay, *remember WELP! S.E.*
I'm proud *to be an Alumni M.M.*

J

Jays *of today are leaders of tomorrow*
Joe's *running across the country!*

K

Keep *cheering Kelly — Dad & Mom*
Kevin: *Thanks for all the fun times!*
Kim . . . *You dropped a bomb on me! A friend*

L

Larry, *thanks for everything Love Marcia*
Laura *remember visits to St. Mary's me*
Laurie, *Marcia & Amy thanks! Laura Lisa*
Let's *go C.C. for 83 mooner or T.M.*
Lisa *remember sore muscles? Laurie*
Liz *and Laura remember snow on curb me*
Liz *remember button for souvenir Laurie*

M

Mom & Dad *thanks for being there! Lisa*
Mr. U, *Thanks for all you do for me! KM*

P

Paula, *How ya doing with Skeets A friend*
PJ *upholstery Spencerville has antiques*

Q

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R

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S

Shim, *thanx for always being there 4 me*
Stay *the same Jays you're the best*
Steve *you mean the most to me love Lisa*
Still *know how to play forks, Don? CE KK*
Sue *seen any munchies lately? YF BW Kim*
Julie, *still remember it's Canei, Kim*

T

Teresa, *From the cows across the road.*
Teresa, *The fun years Mimi & Granddaddy*
Teresa, *Keep smiling & Happy Mom & Irv*
Teresa, *Remember Dr. Ed!! A friend*
Thanks *Scarr's for the Taxi — Scott Ernst*
Theresa, *Best of Luck! Love ya! Kathy M*
To aunt *runaround from Matthew*
To Doug *Bockey, the biggest E.T. ever*
To the Freshmen, *class of 86 you made it all happen . . . I'll always love you the best!! Miss Fisher*
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To the greatest, *Scott E. Mom & Dad*
Tree, *You're a very special friend Jodi*
The janitors — *Bill Horse, Neil — good job*

W

Watch out *St. John's Teresa drives — Keith*
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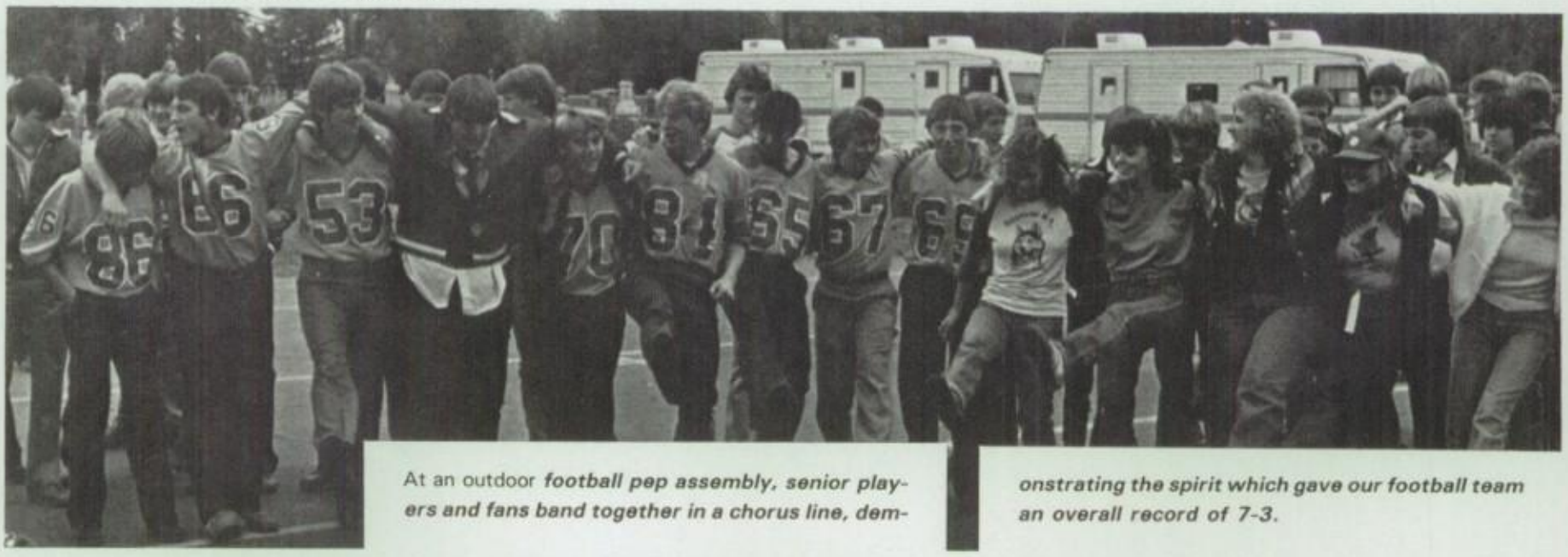
Weiner, *remember bread on main RMA Laura*
We love you *Lisa, Mom & Dad*
We're proud *of you Ben! Mom & Dad*
Will miss all *the great times we've had these past 6 years! Keep in touch, Mr. Mc*



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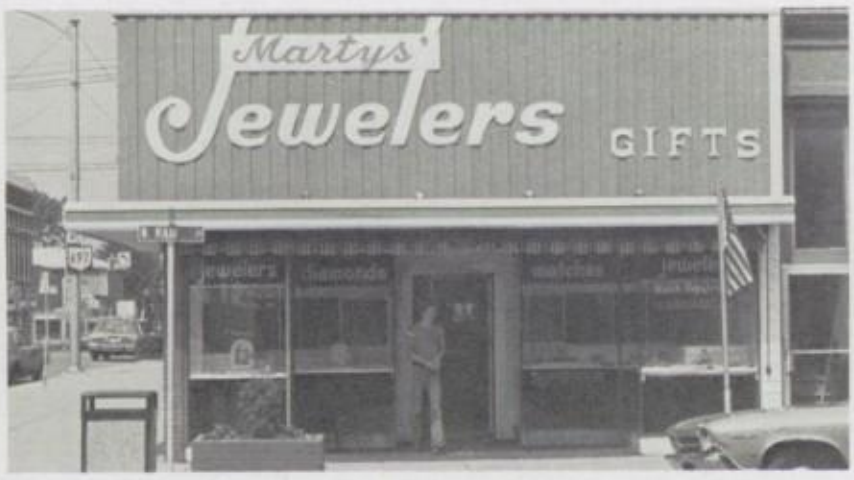

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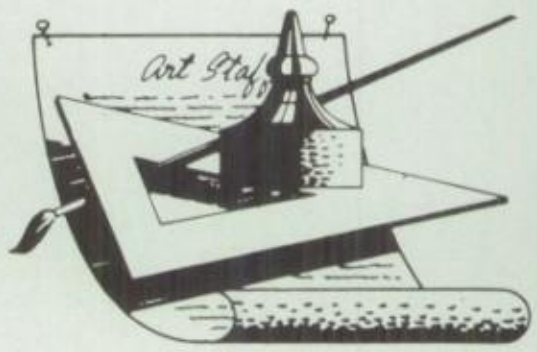

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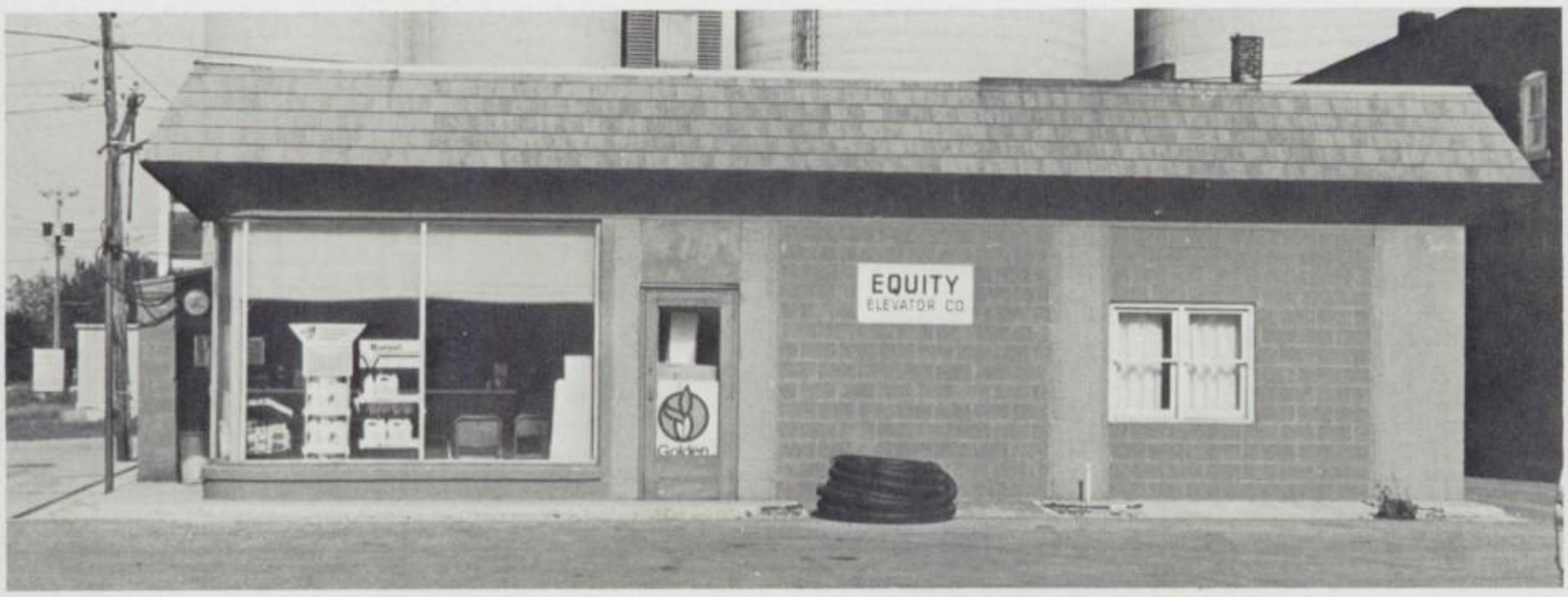

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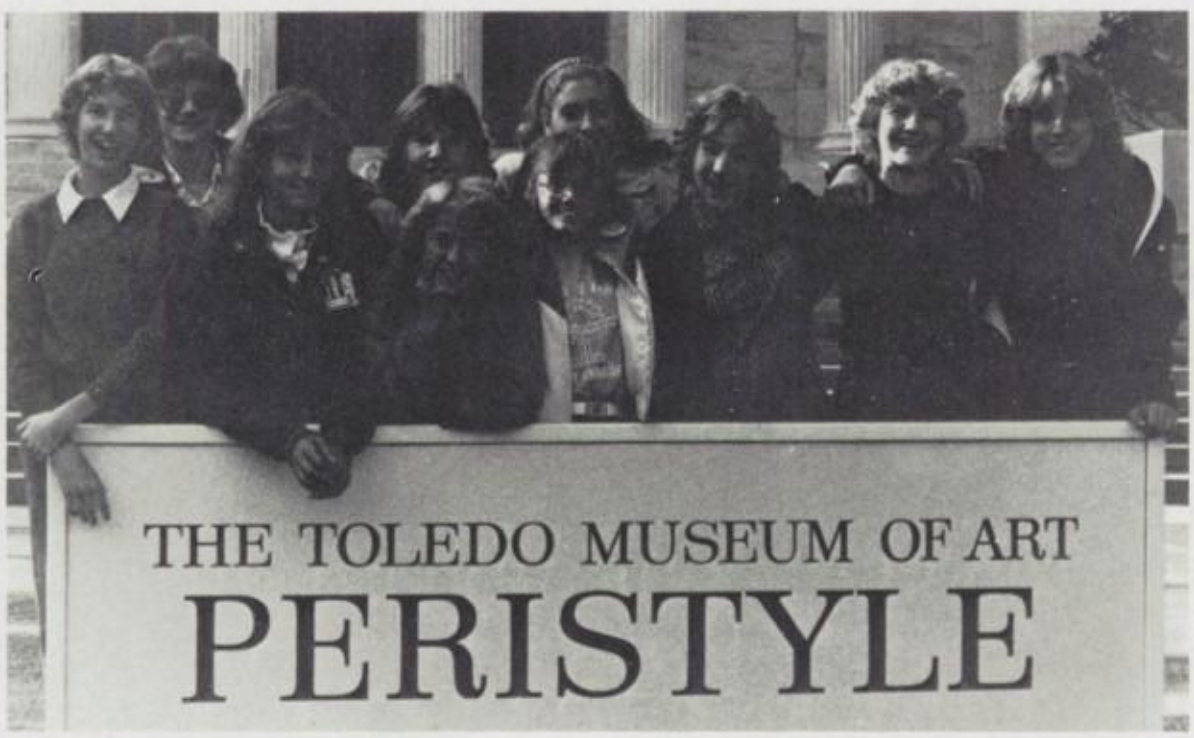

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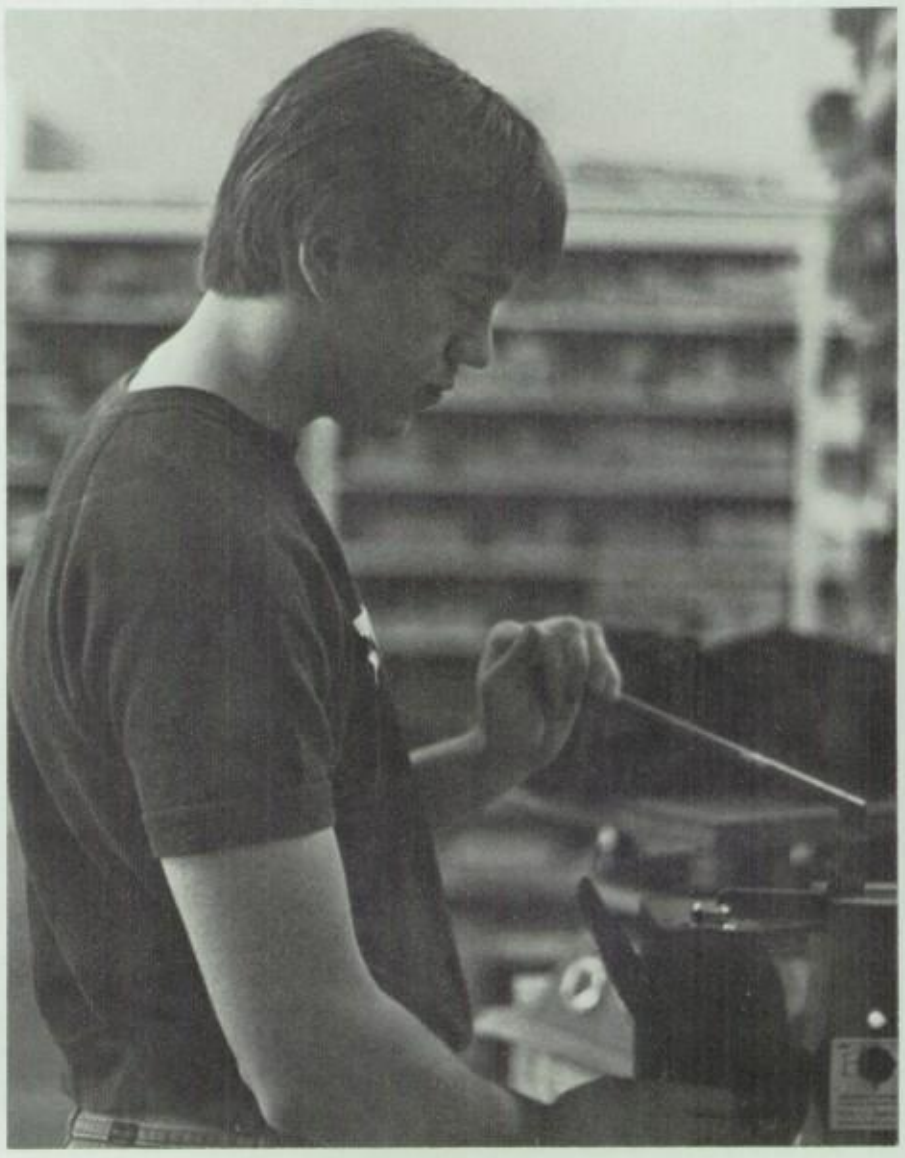

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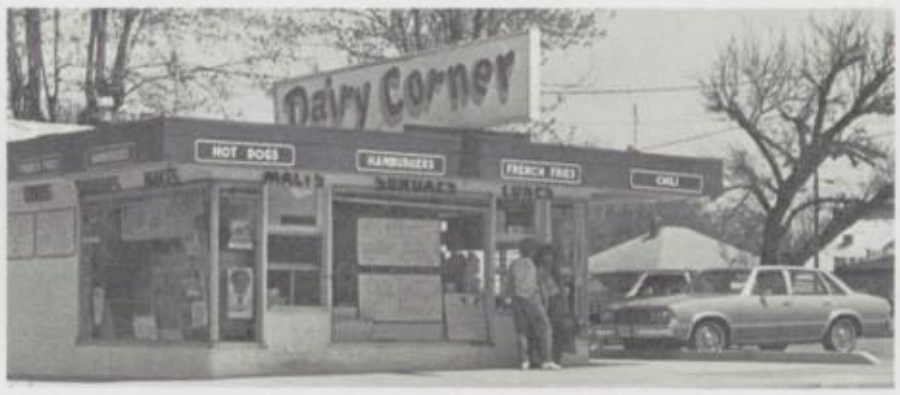

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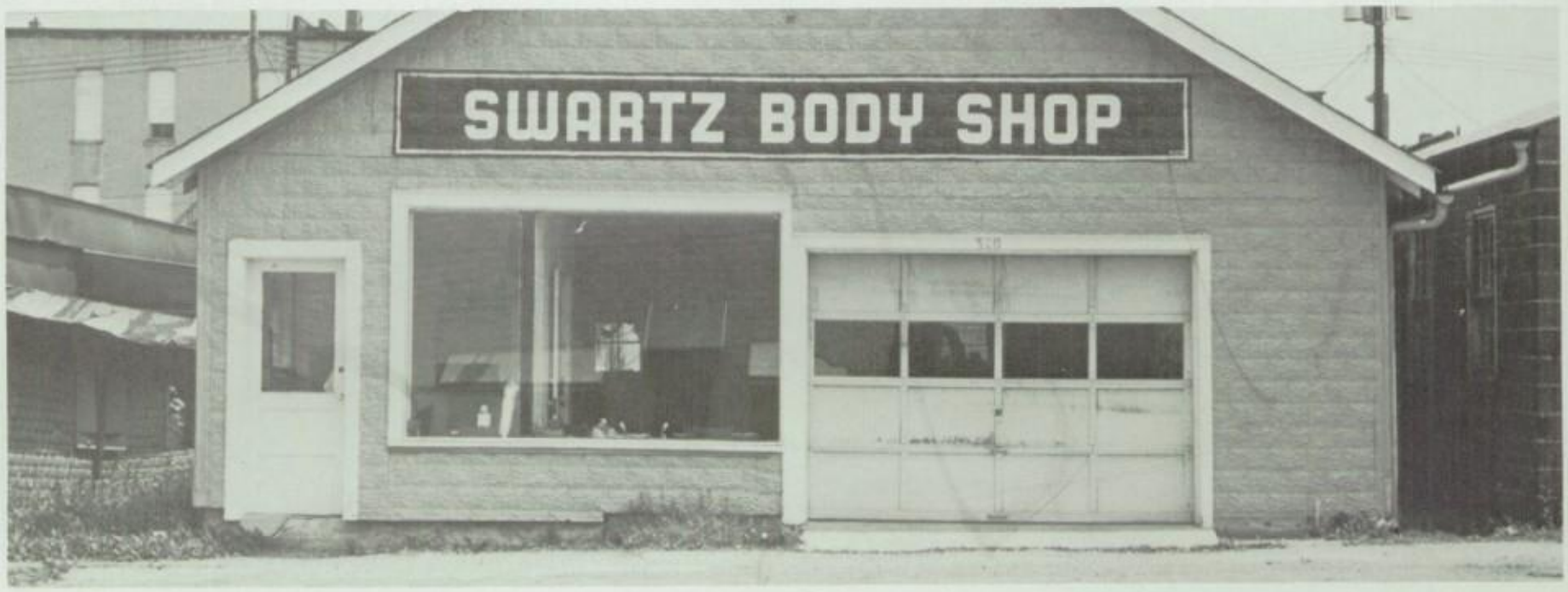

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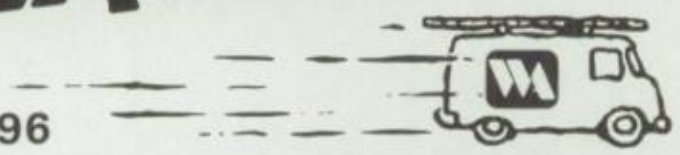

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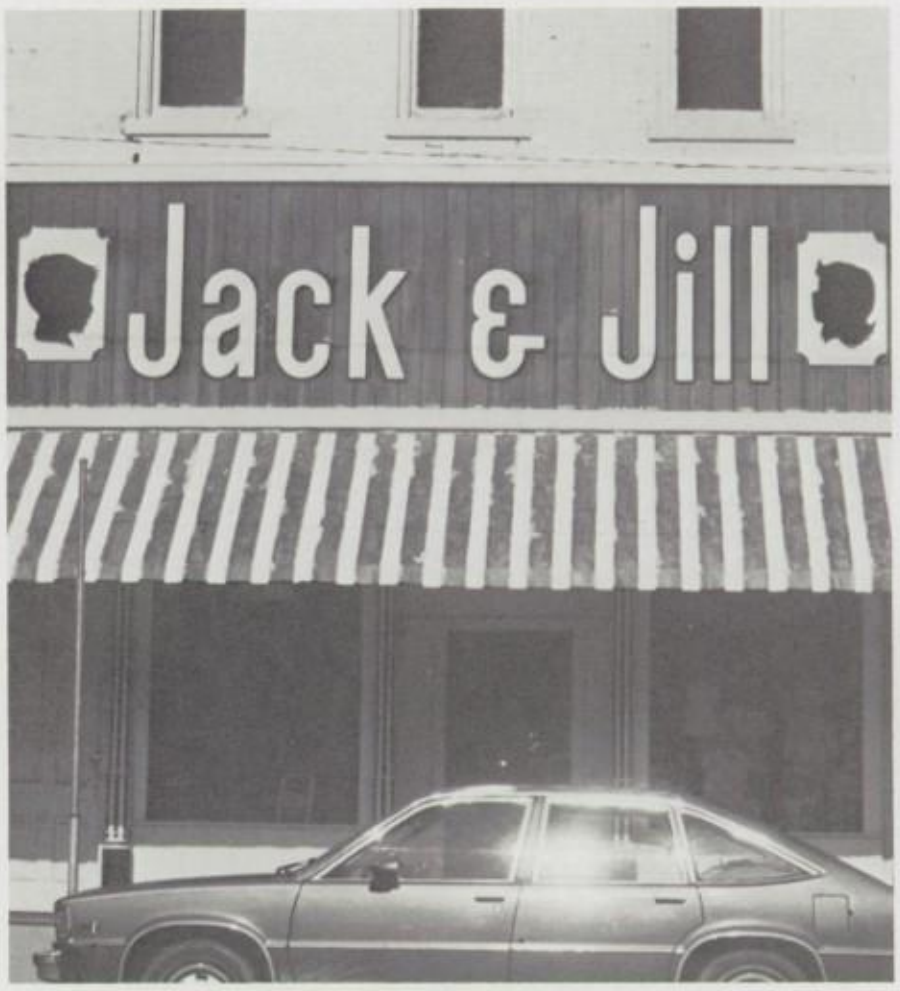

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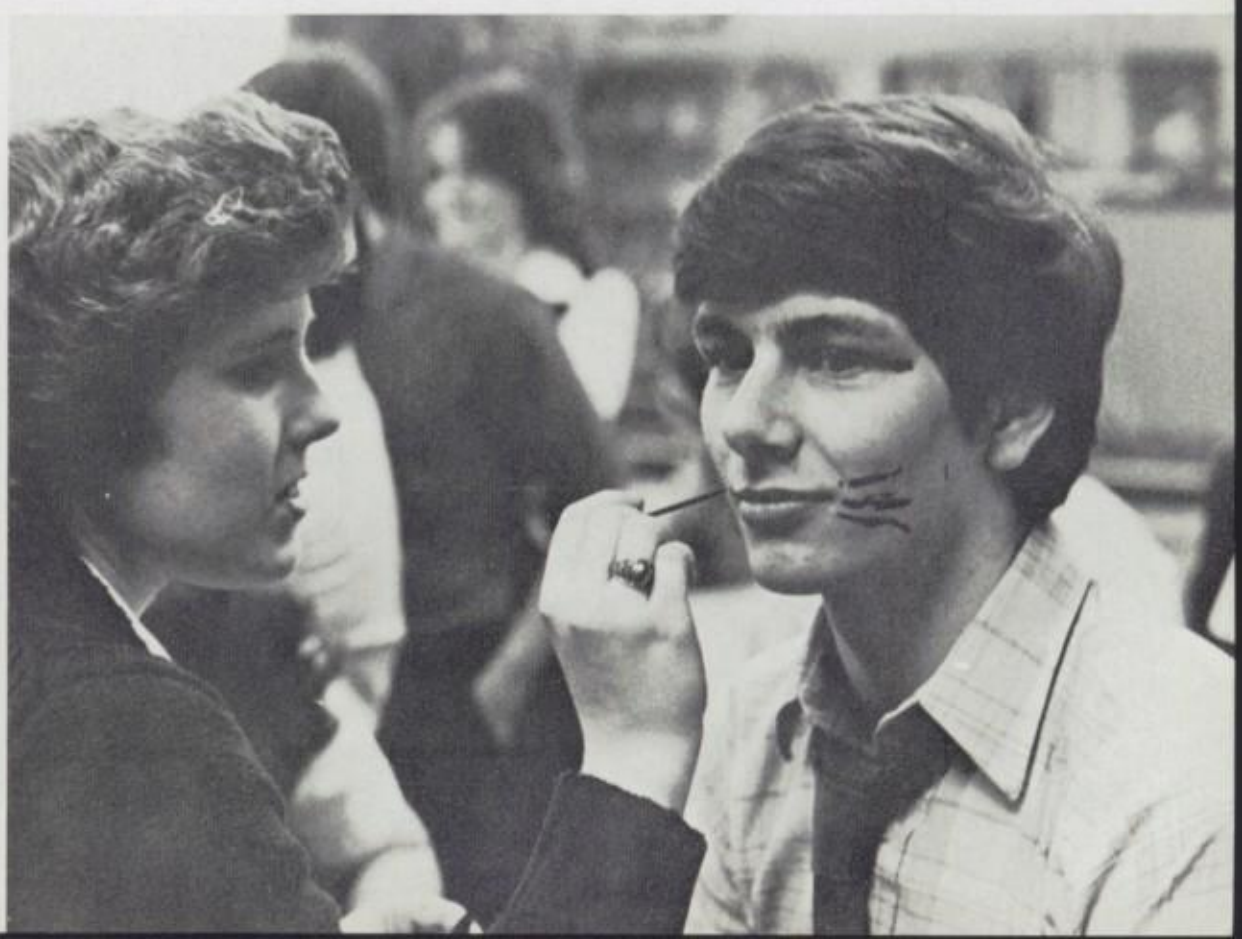

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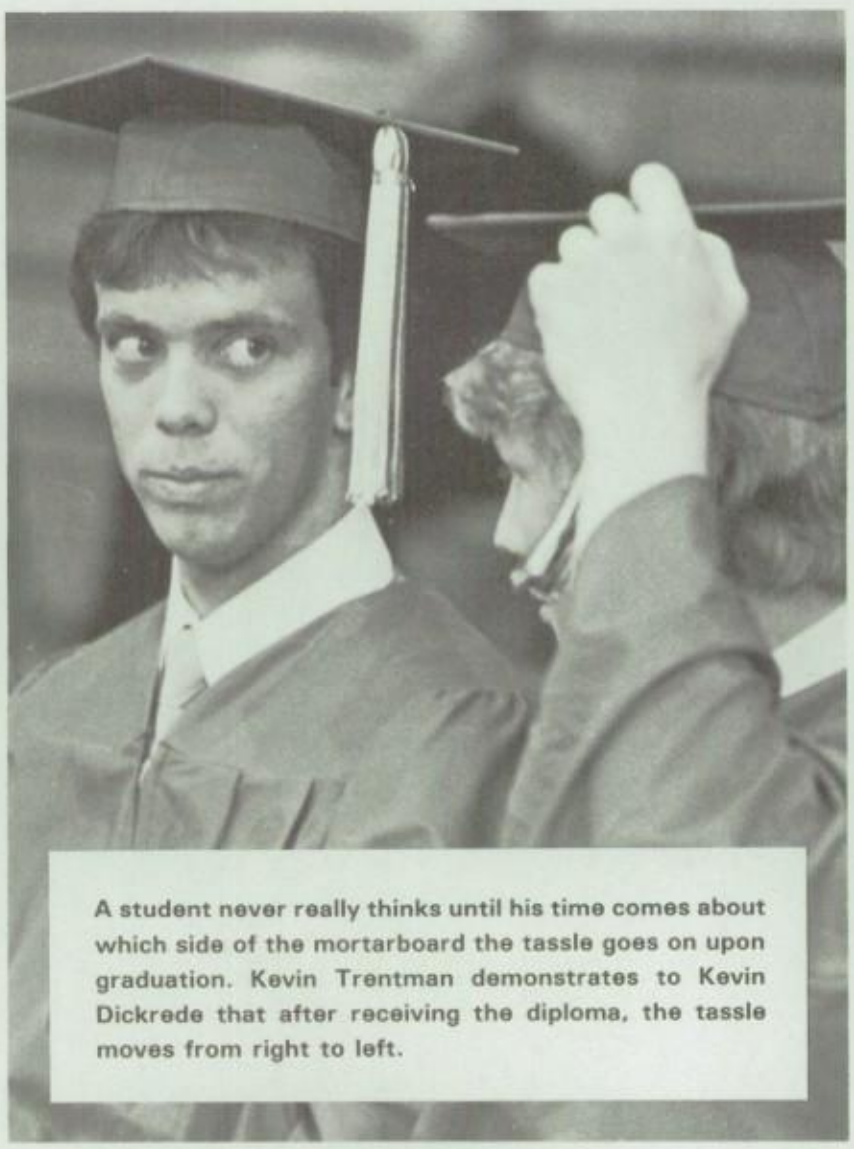

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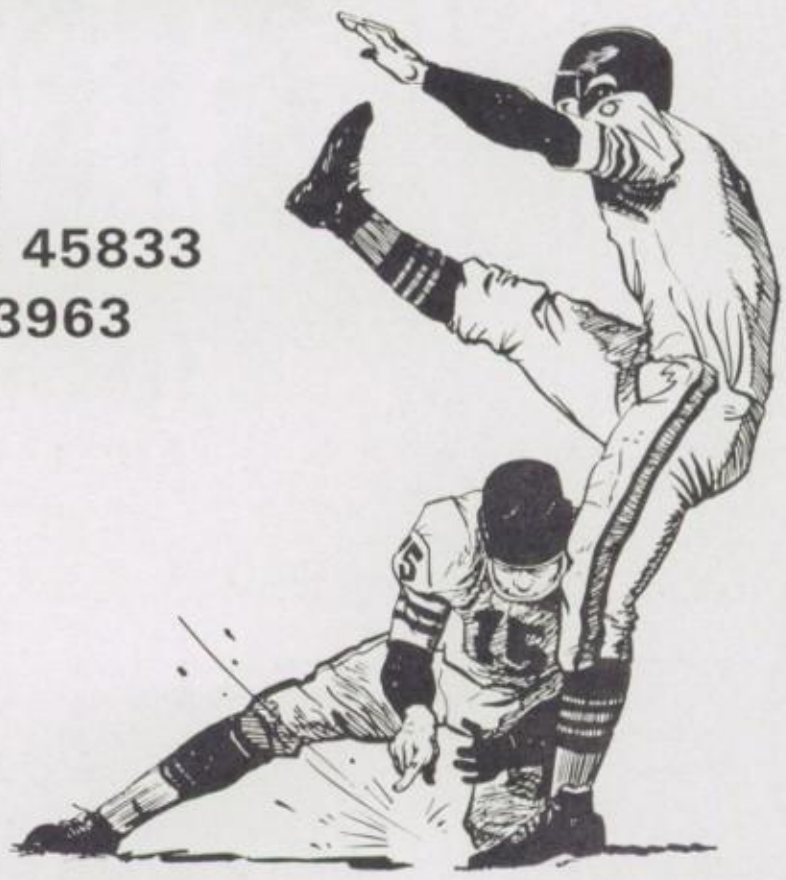

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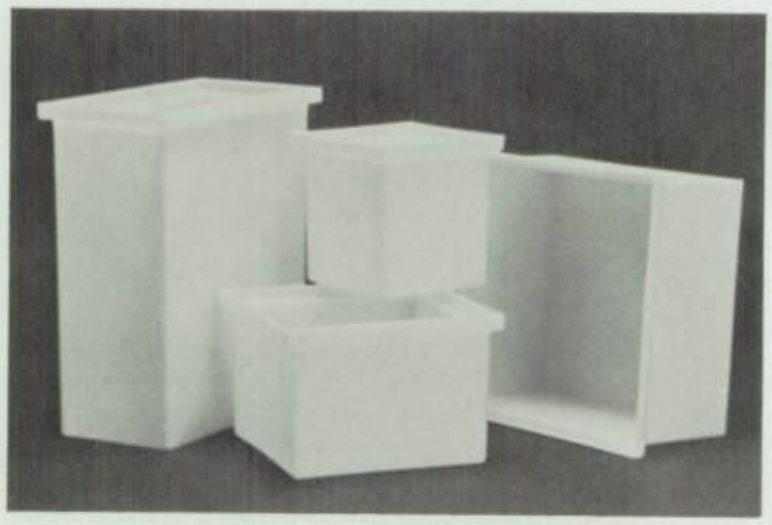

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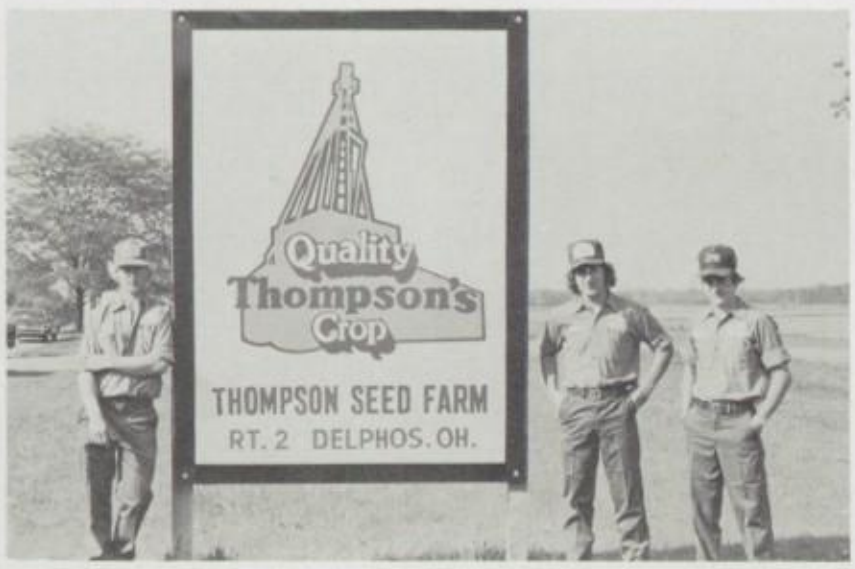

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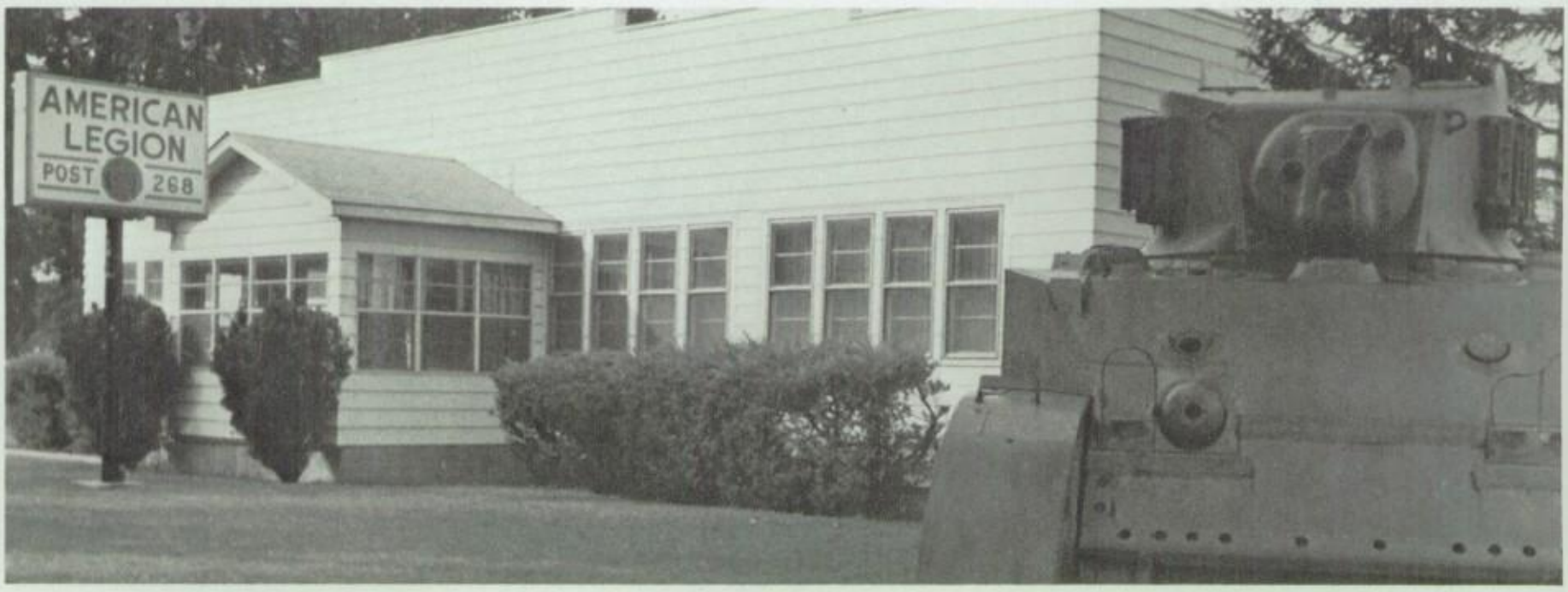

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Doing the Victory cheer during the half-time, the super rowdie senior section display their own unique form of cheering.

Selling over 500 candy bars for the fourth consecutive year, Deann Butler chooses the cordless phone for her first place prize. Jim Liebrecht chose the cassette player for 2nd place and Kelly Meyer's name was chosen for the mini-cassette player.

Getting the preparations underway for the Homecoming Dance, Scott Wieging and Andy Vonderembse cut out the letters for the theme "Enchanted Pathways."

Inducting thirteen new members into National Honor Society, Sue Youngpeter and Rob Verhoff receive their corsages and membership cards while the other inductees anxiously await their turn.

ANOTHER SUPER YEAR

Every school year has its own annual surrises, things like the announcement of the omecoming Queen and her court or the Class lay leads or the tapping of the new National onor Society inductees. But the school year hat began August 30 and closed June 4 had nore than its share of surprises. They ranged om the disappointing to the down right too ood to be true variety.

As opening day arrived for the 387 students nd the 35 staff members, the first shock for any was the reduction in the size of the stuent lounge. Most of the area was now taken y the weights and machines. And the new aces of Mr. Chuck Krumel and Miss Marilyn isher greeted the Spanish, World Geography nd Freshmen Religion students.

It was evident from the beginning that there vas also a surprise in the making as the Footall team was turning around a losing program. hey eventually finished second in the MAC nd just missed making the football playoffs.

Fog delays were of the two hour variety with nly one turning into an honest to goodness ancellation. But the biggest shock of all was o come. During a winter that squirrels and vooly worms had predicted as being particularly nasty, there was not one snow delay let alone a cancellation. In fact, if there was six inches of snow all ALL winter, that was the surprise.

Christmas morning arrived with 60° temperatures, while graduation was to see frost warnings. While the weather was all mixed up, our athletes hadn't gotten the same program. Wrestlers John Bonifas and Paul Hale grappled their way to the State competitions. Following close on their heels was the Girls' Basketball team, which also made it to Columbus one week later. While they didn't win it all, their being there was a very pleasant surprise. And just behind them was the Boys' Basketball team which finished the season at 28-0 and a State Championship.

Spring came and with it the disappointing news that Miss Haytcher was closing her door for the last time after four years of parle Francais.

Three students captured Superior ratings at the State Science Fair and the Chem Bowl team defeated 21 other teams to become the best in the area.

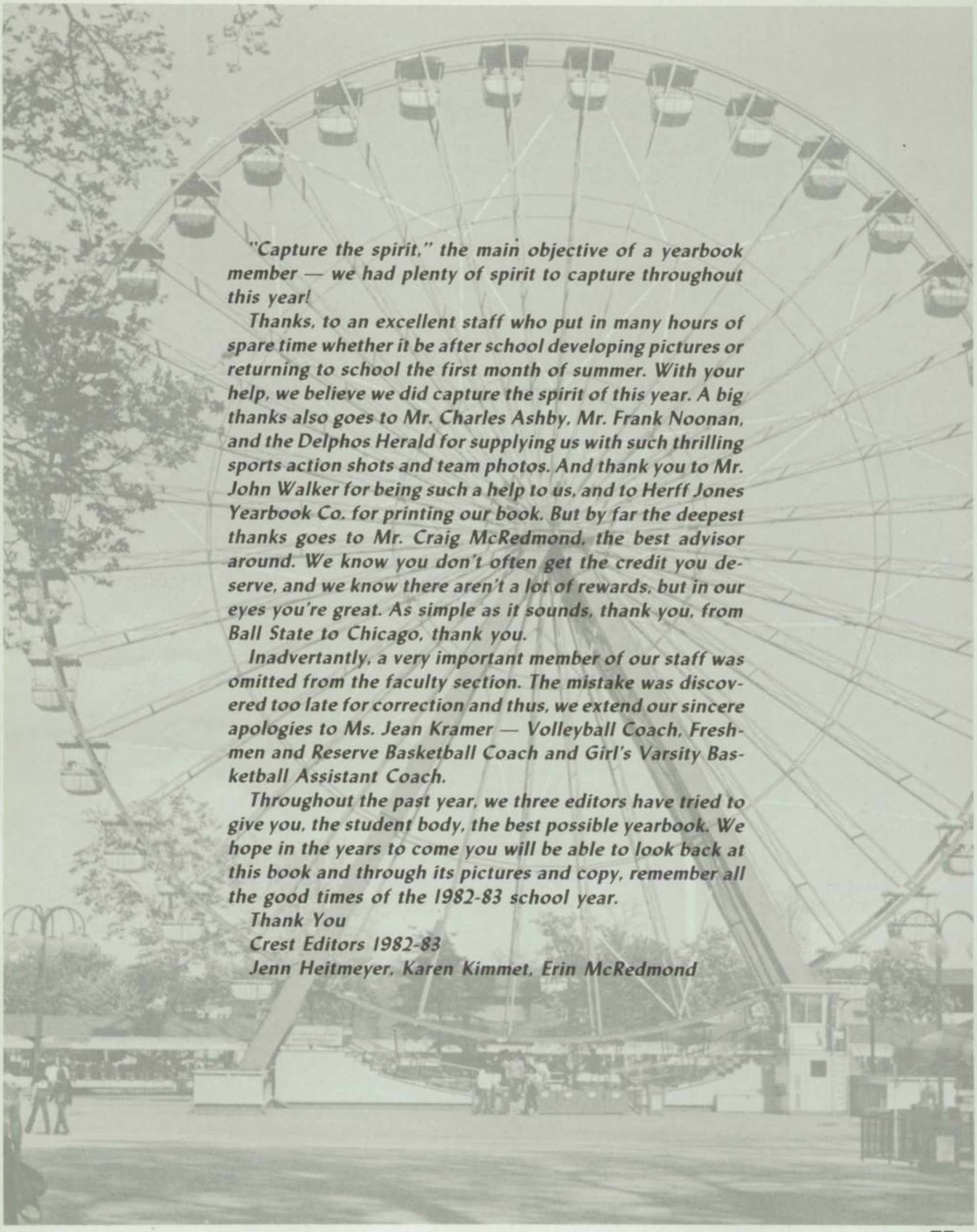
The Band after a shining year, got their wind knocked out when they received a 2 in competition. This was an especially big hurt in that they had felt that they had finally worked up to receive a 1. And after four months of preparation, Seniors turned in four stellar performances of "The Wiz". Once again, Mr. Gunder showed why, after 17 super shows, he is still the best director in the State.

It was also during the Spring that Coach Arnzen was named as the All American Catholic Prep Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year from the Chicago Diocese. And the 3200 meter relay team of Amy Mueller, Monica Ruen, Teresa Von Deylen and Julie Harpster made a surprise visit to the State Track Meet. And as Seniors got their diplomas and were surprised they were signed, Mr. McRedmond received word that we had won the Red Cross Blood Donor trophy for the second year for having the highest percentage of eligible donors give blood.

And to add to the honors already won for St. John's, Joe Neidecken, Carol Kleman and Scott Wellmann were all named as National Merit Scholars.

Along with all these surprises were the naming of the cheerleaders, Student Council, Missions, and Class Presidents for next year. But some of the biggest and best surprises came from our friends and faculty members. The Juniors worked hard and closely to produce a Prom that won't be forgotten for a long time to come. And it was the hard work that went into making May Crowning the talk of the school that made all those hard work surprises mean the most.

It was the combination of all the surprises, whether good or bad, happy or sad, that made this year so enjoyable. It also has made it tough for the underclassmen to repeat many of the things that made the year go so much smoother. But with hard work and determination, they will come through and have another super year in '84.



"Capture the spirit," the main objective of a yearbook member — we had plenty of spirit to capture throughout this year!

Thanks, to an excellent staff who put in many hours of spare time whether it be after school developing pictures or returning to school the first month of summer. With your help, we believe we did capture the spirit of this year. A big thanks also goes to Mr. Charles Ashby, Mr. Frank Noonan, and the Delphos Herald for supplying us with such thrilling sports action shots and team photos. And thank you to Mr. John Walker for being such a help to us, and to Herff Jones Yearbook Co. for printing our book. But by far the deepest thanks goes to Mr. Craig McRedmond, the best advisor around. We know you don't often get the credit you deserve, and we know there aren't a lot of rewards, but in our eyes you're great. As simple as it sounds, thank you, from Ball State to Chicago, thank you.

Inadvertantly, a very important member of our staff was omitted from the faculty section. The mistake was discovered too late for correction and thus, we extend our sincere apologies to Ms. Jean Kramer — Volleyball Coach, Freshmen and Reserve Basketball Coach and Girl's Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach.

Throughout the past year, we three editors have tried to give you, the student body, the best possible yearbook. We hope in the years to come you will be able to look back at this book and through its pictures and copy, remember all the good times of the 1982-83 school year.

Thank You

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